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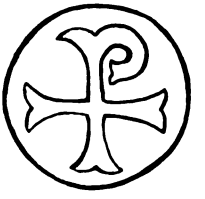

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PROPERS OF THE SAINTS

AND OF THE SEASONS

NOVEMBER 29

THE VIGIL OF ST. ANDREW

The Collect

We beseech thee, Almighty God, that the blessed Apostle Andrew, whose festival we are about to keep, may entreat for us thine aid: that we may be loosed from the guilt of our sins, and be delivered from all dangers. Through.

All else as in Common I, p. 159

DECEMBER 3

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, C.

The Collect

O God, who didst gather into thy Church a great multitude of the Indian people by the preaching and miracles of blessed Francis: mercifully grant; that while we reverence his glorious deeds, we may also follow the example of his virtues. Through.

All else as in Common VIII, p. 172

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DECEMBER 4

ST. BARBARA, V. M.

The Collect

We beseech thee, O Lord, to purify the hearts and bodies of thy faithful people at the prayer of the holy Virgin Barbara: that by thine inspiration we may be able to overcome all evil pleasures; and not being taken captive by their delights, may ever be refreshed by thy sweetness. Through.

All else as in Common X, p. 174

DECEMBER 6

ST. NICHOLAS, B. C.

The Collect

O merciful God, confirm thy faithful people who fly to thee for succour, in everlasting blessedness: and grant that they who devoutly keep the feast-day of thy blessed Bishop Nicholas; may ever be protected, by his patronage, from all adversities. Through.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

DECEMBER 7

ST. AMBROSE, B. C. D.

The Collect

O God, who didst give blessed Ambrose to thy people for a minister of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech thee; that as he has been the instructor of our life here upon earth, so he may be our intercessor in heaven. Through.

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CONCEPTION B. V. M.

The Collect

We beseech thee, O Lord, grant to us thy servants the gifts of thy heavenly grace: that as our salvation began by the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin, so this devout solemnity of her Conception may afford us an increase of peace. Through.

For the Epistle, Prov. viii: 22

The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: when he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: when he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men. Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts

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of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord.

The Gospel, St. Luke i: 26

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

The Post Communion

May this Sacrament which we have received, O Lord our God, heal in us the wounds of sin, from which thou didst preserve unsullied the soul of Blessed Mary. Through.

DECEMBER 13

ST. LUCY, V. M.

The Collect

Hear us, O Lord God, our salvation: that like as we do rejoice on the festival of the blessed Lucy, thy Virgin and Martyr, so in the feelings of love and devotion we may be instructed. Through.

All else as in Common X, p. 174

EMBER WEDNESDAY IN ADVENT

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that the coming festival of our Redemption may afford us succour in this present life, and bestow upon us the rewards of eternal bliss hereafter. Through.

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For the Epistle, Isa. vii: 10

In those days, the Lord spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil and choose the good.

The Gospel, as in the Votive Mass B. V. M. in Advent, p. 196

The Post Communion

We beseech thee, O Lord, that we, being filled with the gift of thy salvation, may ever be renewed by the effect of the Sacrament, in whose sweetness we rejoice. Through.

EMBER FRIDAY IN ADVENT

The Collect

Raise up, we pray thee, O Lord, thy power, and come among us: that they who trust in thy loving-kindness, may speedily be delivered from all adversity. Who livest.

For the Epistle, Isa. xi: 1

Thus saith the Lord God: There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge

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and of the fear of the Lord; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

The Gospel, as on the Visitation B. V. M., p. 83

The Post Communion

Restore us, O Lord, we beseech thee, by the holy partaking of this Sacrament; that, being cleansed from all past stains, we may at the last be assured of a participation in the mysteries of thy salvation. Through.

EMBER SATURDAY IN ADVENT

The Collect

O God, who seest that we are sore afflicted by our sinfulness: mercifully grant; that by thy visitation we may be comforted. Through.

The Epistle, 2 Thess. ii: 1

We beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or

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that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.

The Gospel, St. Luke iii: 1

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Cæsar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judæa, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituræa and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; as it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

The Post Communion

We beseech thee, O Lord our God: that these holy Mysteries, which thou hast ordained to be our strength and defense may be unto us for healing both in this time present, and also in that which is to come. Through.

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THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY

The Collect

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of the Birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ: grant; that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our Judge. Who liveth.

The Epistle, Rom. i: 1

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: by whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel, as on the Feast of St. Joseph, p. 31

The Post Communion

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, that our devout meditation upon the Nativity of thine Only-begotten Son may be unto us as the breath of life, even as his celestial Mysteries are unto us both food and drink. Through the same.

THE SECOND OR DAY-BREAK MASS OF CHRISTMAS

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The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, that we, who are filled with the new light of thine Incarnate Word, may show forth in our deeds that which by faith illuminates our minds. Through the same.

The Epistle and Gospel as in the Votive Mass B. V. M. from Christmas to the Purification, p. 198

The Post Communion

O Lord, by whose miraculous Birth the ancient weakness of our nature hath been overcome: grant that we may be ever refreshed by the Christmas renewal of this divine Sacrament. Who livest.

DECEMBER 29

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, B. M.

The Collect

O God, in defense of whose Church the glorious Prelate Thomas was slain by the swords of wicked men: grant, we beseech thee; that all they who make supplication for his help may obtain an healthful answer to their prayers. Through.

All else as in Common IV, p. 163

JANUARY 2

OCTAVE OF ST. STEPHEN

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst consecrate the first-fruits of the Martyrs by the blood of the blessed Levite Stephen: grant, we beseech thee; that he may be our intercessor, who, even for his persecutors, prayed to Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. Who liveth.

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For the Epistle, Acts vii: 55

Stephen, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

The Gospel, St. Matt. xxiii: 34

At that time Jesus said to the Scribes and Pharisees: Behold I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

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The Post Communion

O Lord, we pray thee that these holy Mysteries which we have received, may help and assist us: and that, at the intercession of blessed Stephen, thy Protomartyr, we may be strengthened and protected evermore. Through.

JANUARY 5

THE EVE OF THE EPIPHANY

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech thee, let the brightness of the coming feast-day shine upon our hearts: whereby we may be able to escape the darkness of this world, and come at length to the country of everlasting glory. Through.

The Epistle, Gal. iv: 1

Brethren, the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: but when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God.

The Gospel, St. Matt. ii: 19

When Herod was dead, behold an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

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saying, Arise, and take the young child, and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. And he arose, and took the young child, and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judæa in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: and he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

The Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, that by the operation of this Mystery, our sins may be purged away, and all our holy desires fulfilled. Through.

JANUARY 8

ST. LUCIAN AND COMPANIONS, MM.

The Collect

O God, who makest us joyful in the annual solemnity of blessed Lucian, thy Martyr and Priest, and his Companions: mercifully grant; that as we observe the festival of their birthday, so we may ever joy in the protection of the same. Through.

All else as in the Common V, p. 166

JANUARY 13

OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY

The Collect

O God, whose only-begotten Son hath appeared in the substance of our flesh: grant, we beseech thee;

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that we may be conformed inwardly unto him, whom we confess to have been made outwardly like unto us, even Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. Who liveth.

The Epistle, Eph. iii: 1

For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ, for you Gentiles, if ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God, which is given me to you-ward: how that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby when ye read ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

The Gospel, St. Matt. ii: 1

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa, in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise

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men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

The Post Communion

Prevent us, O Lord, we beseech thee, at all times and in all places, with light from heaven; that we may

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with clear vision discern the Mystery which thou hast willed us to receive, and grant, that partaking of it, we may be filled with a worthy devotion. Through.

JANUARY 14

ST. HILARY, B. C. D.

The Collect

Let the memorial of thy blessed Bishop, Hilary, be profitable unto us, O Lord: that as by him thou didst preserve unharmed a right faith in thy Consubstantial Word; so we at his intercession, may be stedfast in the same faith, and ever live by that Word alone, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Who liveth.

All else as in Common VII, p. 170

JANUARY 15

ST. PAUL, THE FIRST HERMIT

The Collect

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, that we may be holpen by the intercession of Saint Paul the Hermit: that as by him thou hast given unto thy servants an example of evangelical perfection; so by him also thou mayest give us help to the gaining of eternal salvation. Through.

All else as in Common IX, p. 173

JANUARY 17

ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT

The Collect

O God, by whose word outwardly sounding, and by whose grace inwardly moving, blessed Anthony was stirred up to leave all, that he might be perfect: grant

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unto all them that have set out on the way of evangelical perfection; so to run, that they may receive the prize of everlasting felicity. Through.

All else as in Common IX, p. 173

JANUARY 18

ST. PRISCA, V. M.

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God: that we who celebrate the birthday of blessed Prisca, thy Virgin and Martyr, may rejoice in her festival, and profit by the example of so great faith. Through.

All else as in Common X, p. 174

JANUARY 20

SS. FABIAN, B., and SEBASTIAN, MM

The Collect

Look, O Almighty God, upon our weakness: and because we sink under the weight of our own doings, may the glorious intercession of Fabian and Sebastian, thy blessed Martyrs, be a protection to us. Through.

All else as in Common V, p. 166

JANUARY 21

ST. AGNES, V. M.

The Collect

O Almighty and eternal God, who choosest the weak things of this world to confound the strong: mercifully grant; that we who celebrate the feast of blessed Agnes, thy Virgin and Martyr, may experience the effect of her prayers. Through.

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JANUARY 22

ST. VINCENT, M

The Collect

Hear, O Lord, our earnest prayers: that we who know that we are guilty of our iniquities, may be delivered therefrom by the prayers of thy blessed Martyr Vincent. Through.

All else as in Common IV, p. 165

JANUARY 24

ST. TIMOTHY, B. M.

The Collect

O God, who didst choose Saint Timothy to be a workman that need not be ashamed, and a faithful minister in the gospel of thy Son: grant unto us by his prayers; so to follow his footsteps, that keeping the commandments without spot, we may lay hold on eternal life. Through the same.

All else as in Common IV, p. 163

JANUARY 26

ST. POLYCARP, B. M.

The Collect

O Lord, fulfill all our petitions: and with Saint Polycarp, thy Martyr and Bishop, whose passion we to-day do reverence; accept us as a fat burnt-offering unto thee. Through.

All else as in Common IV, p. 163

JANUARY 27

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, B. C. D.

The Collect

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, to all who minister

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in holy things: that same spirit of wisdom and strength; whereby Saint John Chrysostom ceased not to rebuke sinners, and also overcame many afflictions for the love of thy Holy Name. Through.

All else as in Common VII, p. 170

JANUARY 29

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, B. C. D.

The Collect

O God, who for the salvation of souls didst make Saint Francis thy Bishop, to become all things to all men: mercifully grant; that the sweetness of thy love being shed forth upon us, we may be guided by his teaching, and holpen by his prayers, to the gaining of everlasting gladness. Through.

All else as in Common VII, p. 170

FEBRUARY 1

ST. IGNATIUS, B. M.

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech thee, renew in us the spirit of apostolic love: which burned so strongly and so purely in Saint Ignatius; and so happily abounded to the salvation of thy people. Through.

All else as in Common IV, p. 163

ST. BRIGIT, V.

The Collect

O God, who makest us glad to-day by the yearly commemoration of Saint Brigit, thy Virgin: mercifully grant; that as we are enlightened by the example

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of her chastity, so we may be holpen by her prayers. Through.

All else as in Common XI, p. 176

VIGIL OF THE PURIFICATION OF THE B. V. M.

The Collect

O God, who didst vouchsafe to choose the virgin womb of Blessed Mary, as a shrine wherein thou mightest rest: grant we beseech thee; that we, being defended by her intercession, may joyfully take part in her coming festival. Who livest.

All else as in the Votive Mass of B. V. M. from Christmas to Purification, p. 198. *But note, that Commemoration only is made, save when the Purification occurs on a Monday.*

FEBRUARY 3

ST. BLASIUS, B. M.

The Collect

O God, who didst make blessed Blasius, thy Martyr and Bishop, strong to endure his own sufferings and to lighten the infirmities of other men: mercifully grant that we may imitate his constancy of faith, and in danger may feel his protection. Through.

All else as in Common IV, p. 163

FEBRUARY 4

ST. GILBERT OF SEMPRINGHAM, ABBOT

The Collect

O Lord, the Saviour and preserver of all them that seek thee, who didst give grace to the blessed Abbot Gilbert to renounce the world, lest he should be a partaker of its defilements, and to fly beneath the shadow

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of thy wings: grant unto thy people, at his intercession; that they may escape the snares of the devil, and with pure minds, follow thee, the only God. Who livest.

All else as in Common IX, p. 173

FEBRUARY 5

ST. AGATHA, V. M.

The Collect and Post Communion as in Common X, p. 174

The Epistle, 1 Cor. i: 26

Ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

The Gospel, St. Matt. xix: 3

At that time, the Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but

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one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

FEBRUARY 6

ST. TITUS, B. C.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst fill blessed Titus, a faithful minister of the gospel, with the charity that seeketh not her own: grant, we beseech thee, at his intercession; that we being purified from worldly lusts, may ever seek thee, the only God. Through.

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ST. DOROTHEA, V. M.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose gift blessed Dorothea, being made strong in her purpose of virginity and in the confession of the Faith, attained the prize both of virginity and also of martyrdom: grant us so to persevere in purity of body and mind; that we may be overcome neither by the beguilements of the flesh, nor by the bitterness of afflictions. Through.

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FEBRUARY 9

ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, B. C. D.

The Collect

O God, who didst make blessed Cyril, thy Confessor and Bishop, an invincible teacher of the divine motherhood of the most blessed Virgin Mary: grant, through his prayers, that we who believe her to be indeed the Mother of God, may find safety under her maternal protection. Through.

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FEBRUARY 10

ST. SCHOLASTICA, V.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost inspire them that love thee with contempt for the world: grant unto us, on this feast-day of Saint Scholastica, thy Virgin; that at her intercession we may be enabled to despise earthly things, and firmly to cleave to thee alone. Through.

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FEBRUARY 14

ST. VALENTINE, M.

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we who solemnize the birthday festival of blessed Valentine, thy Martyr, may at his intercession be delivered from all the evils that threaten us. Through.

All else as in Common IV, p. 165

FEBRUARY 18

ST. COLMAN, B. C.

The Collect

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, continual perseverance in thy holy service: that at the devout intercession of the blessed Bishop Colman; we may at last be accounted worthy to serve before thee in everlasting glory. Through.

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FEBRUARY 23

ST. PETER DAMIAN, B. C. D.

The Collect

O God, the source and fountain of all holiness and wisdom: help us, we beseech thee, to profit by the teaching and example of blessed Peter thy Confessor, and grant that through his merits and intercession we may despise the allurements of worldly honour, and that our hearts may be free for thee alone. Through.

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MARCH 1

ST. DAVID, B. C.

The Collect

Grant to us, Almighty God, that the devout intercession of blessed David, thy Confessor and Bishop, may protect us: and that while we celebrate his solemnity, we may imitate his firmness in the defence of the Catholic Faith. Through.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

MARCH 2

ST. CHAD, B. C.

The Collect

Almighty and eternal God, who makest us glad this day by the festival of blessed Chad, thy Confessor and Bishop: we humbly beseech thy mercy; that as we devoutly observe and reverence his solemnity, we may at his intercession obtain the reward of eternal life. Through.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

MARCH 7

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, C. D.

The Collect

O God, who hast glorified thy Church by the wondrous learning of the blessed Confessor Thomas, and hast made it fruitful by his holy deeds: grant unto us, we beseech thee; that we may understand those things which he taught and follow that which he did. Through.

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SS. PERPETUA AND FELICITAS, MM.

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord our God, continually to reverence the palms of thy holy Martyrs Perpetua and Felicitas: that, although we cannot celebrate them worthily in mind, we may at least commemorate them with humble devotion. Through.

All else as in Common X, p. 174

MARCH 10

FORTY MARTYRS OF SEBASTE

The Collect

Grant ,we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we who know thy glorious martyrs to have been mighty in their witness unto thee, may find them in thy presence pitiful to our prayers. Through.

All else as in Common V, p. 166

MARCH 12

ST. GREGORY, B. C. D.

The Collect

O God, who hast rewarded the soul of blessed Gregory thy servant with eternal bliss: mercifully grant; that as we are oppressed with the weight of our sins, so through his prayers we may receive thy gracious help. Through.

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MARCH 17

ST. PATRICK, B. C.

The Collect

O God, who hast translated to heavenly glory blessed Patrick the Apostle of Ireland, who was adorned with

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such manifold miracles: grant, we beseech thee; the we being holpen by thee for his sake, at his prayers may attain unto the rewards of everlasting blessedness. Through.

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MARCH 18

ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, B. C. D.

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech thee, graciously hear our prayers which we offer unto thee on the feast-day of the blessed Doctor Cyril, thy Confessor: and grant for the sake of him whom thou hast counted worthy to be numbered among thy servants, that we may be set free from all our sins. Through.

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ST. EDWARD, K. M.

The Collect

O God, who rulest over the everlasting kingdom, graciously behold thy family who celebrate the martyrdom of King Edward: and as thou hast vouchsafed to glorify him with the gift of heaven, so be pleased mercifully to grant, that at his intercession we may be made meet to be partakers with him of everlasting happiness. Through.

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MARCH 18

ST. GABRIEL, ARCHANGEL

The Collect

O God, who among all the angels didst choose the

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Archangel Gabriel to proclaim the mystery of thy Incarnation: mercifully grant that we who keep his feast on earth may know his protection in heaven. Who livest.

The Epistle, Dan. ix: 21

In those days, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision. Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

The Gospel, as in the Votive Mass B.V.M. in Advent, p. 197

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The Post Communion

Having received the Mysteries of thy Body and Blood, O Lord our God, we pray thy mercy that as we have known thine Incarnation by the message of Gabriel, so by his help we may obtain the benefits of the same Incarnation. Who livest.

MARCH 19

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE B. V. M.

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech thee, grant us thy help for the sake of the spouse of thy most holy Mother: that those things which by our own power we cannot obtain, may be given to us at his intercession. Who livest.

For the Epistle, Ecclus. xlv: 1 c - 5 d

He was beloved of God and men, whose memorial is blessed. He made him like to the glorious saints, and magnified him, so that his enemies stood in fear of him. By his words he caused the wonders to cease, and he made him glorious in the sight of kings, and gave him a commandment for his people and showed him part of his glory. He sanctified him in his faithfulness and meekness, and chose him out of all men. He made him to hear his voice, and brought him into the dark cloud, and gave him commandments ~~before his~~ face, even the law of life and knowledge.

The Gospel, St. Matt. i: 18

When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick ex-

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ample, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

The Post Communion

Abide with us, we beseech thee, O Lord, and being moved by the prayers of blessed Joseph, thy Confessor; cherish and increase the gifts of grace which thou hast bestowed upon us. Through.

MARCH 20

ST. CUTHBERT, B. C.

The Collect

O God, who by thy priceless gift of grace dost make thy Saints to be glorious: grant, we beseech thee; at the intercession of the blessed Bishop Cuthbert, thy Confessor, that we may be enabled to attain unto perfect strength. Through.

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MARCH 21

ST. BENEDICT, ABBOT

The Collect

Let the intercession, O Lord, we beseech thee, of the blessed Abbot Benedict, obtain for us thy favour: that those things which of our own worthiness we cannot attain, may at his intercession be granted unto us. Through.

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MARCH 24

COMMEMORATION OF THE VIGIL OF THE ANNUNCIATION, B. V. M.

The Collect

O God, who didst vouchsafe to choose the virgin womb of Blessed Mary as a shrine wherein thou mightest rest: grant, we beseech thee; that we being defended by her intercession, may joyfully take part in her coming festival. Who livest.

The Post Communion

Grant us, O Lord, by these heavenly gifts, which thou hast been pleased to bestow upon us, ever with all our hearts to cleave unto heavenly things: that with Mary, the Blessed Mother of God, we may at last receive the things we have hoped for. Through the same.

MARCH 27

ST. JOHN DAMASCENE, C. D.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst endue blessed John with heavenly doctrine and admirable fortitude of spirit to defend the use of sacred images: grant that through his prayers and example, we may imitate the virtues, and experience the protection of those whose images we honour. Through.

All else as in Common VII, p. 170

EMBER WEDNESDAY IN LENT

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers: and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty against all things that oppose and hinder us. Through.

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For the Epistle, 1 Kings, xix: 3

In those days Elias came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

The Gospel, St. Matt. xii: 38

At that time certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: for as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. The queen of the south shall rise up in the

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judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation. While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

The Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, that by the partaking of this Sacrament, we may be cleansed from our hidden sins and also set free from the snares of the enemy. Through.

EMBER FRIDAY IN LENT

The Collect

Be favourable, O Lord, to thy people: and as thou makest them to be devoutly given to serve thee, so of

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thy tender mercy do thou cherish and defend them. Through.

For the Epistle, Ezek. xviii: 20

Thus said the Lord God: The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live? But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die. Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal? When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his trans-

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gressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

The Gospel, St. John v: 1

At that time there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath. The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and saith unto him, Behold,

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thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

The Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, that through this Mystery our sins may be purged away and our righteous desires satisfied. Through.

EMBER SATURDAY IN LENT

The Collect

Look favourably upon thy people, O Lord, we beseech thee: and mercifully turn away from them the scourges of thy wrath. Through.

The Epistle, 1 Thess. v: 14

We exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel, St. Matt. xvii: 1

At that time Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them: and his

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face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

The Post Communion

Grant, O Almighty God, that by thy sanctifying power our evil dispositions may be purified, and that the wholesome medicine of thy grace may be profitable to us. Through.

THE FRIDAY AFTER PASSION SUNDAY

THE COMPASSION OF THE B. V. M.

The Collect

O God, in whose Passion, according to the prophecy of Simeon, the sword of sorrow pierced through the most sweet soul of the glorious Virgin Mother Mary: mercifully grant; at the prayers and intercessions of all those saints who faithfully stood by thy Cross, that we, worthily commemorating thy sufferings and thy

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Mother's sorrows, may be made partakers of the fruit of thy Passion. Who livest.

For the Epistle, Judith xiii: 17

Blessed be thou, O our God, which hast this day brought to naught the enemies of thy people. O daughter, blessed art thou of the most high God above all the women upon the earth; and blessed be the Lord God, which hath created the heavens and the earth. For this thy confidence shall not depart from the heart of men, which remember the power of God for ever. And God turn these things to thee for a perpetual praise, to visit thee in good things, because thou hast not spared thy life for the affliction of our nation, but hast revenged our ruin, walking a straight way before our God.

The Gospel, St. John xix: 25

At that time there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

The Post Communion

O Lord Jesus Christ, may the Sacrifice of which we have partaken in devout celebration of the piercing of thy Virgin Mother's soul, effectually obtain for us, through thy clemency, every healthgiving benefit. Who livest.

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THE MASS OF THE PRESANCTIFIED

The priest and ministers vested as for Mass, without cross, lights or incense, go to the altar and kneel in prayer. The Priest then proceeds to the Epistle side.

The Collects

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Merciful God, who has made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, infidels, and heretics; and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Heb. x. 1.

The law having a shadow of good things to come,

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and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: in burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: but this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

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Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having an high priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

The Gospel. St. John xix. 1.

Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more

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afraid; and went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Cæsar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king, speaketh against Cæsar. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cæsar. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city; and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he

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said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a spunge with vinegar,and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced

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his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS.

Then the priest, still standing at the Epistle side of the Altar, begins the Solemn Collects, as follows, folding his hands at each exhortation, and extending them at each Collect.

Let us pray, dearly beloved, in the first place, for the Holy Church of God: that the Lord our God would vouchsafe to grant it peace, unity, and protection throughout the whole world; and would bring into subjection to it all principalities and powers; and may he grant that we, living quiet and peaceable lives, may glorify God the Father almighty.

P. Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. [M. Arise.]

Collect

Almighty, everliving God, who hast, in Christ, made known thy glory unto all nations: preserve, we beseech thee, the works which thy mercy hath wrought; that thy Church, spread abroad through all the earth, may ever with steadfast faith continue in the confession of thy Name. Through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Every Collect has its full ending.

Let us also pray for our Primate, N., that the Lord

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our God, who hath chosen him to the order of Bishops, may keep him in health and safety for the good of his holy Church, and for the governance of God's holy people.

P. Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. [M. Arise.]

Collect

Almighty, everliving God, by whose decree all the world standeth sure: favorably regard our prayers; and keep our chosen Prelate by thy mercy; that the Christian people committed to his charge may, under thy governance, increase in all good works, the fruit of faith. Through.

Let us pray for the right reverend Father in God, N., our Bishop; that our Lord Jesus Christ may direct him after his own heart, that so he may govern and feed the people committed to his charge in God's holy Church.

P. Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. [M. Arise.]

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon thy servant our Bishop: and direct him, after thy great goodness, in the way of everlasting salvation: that, by thy grace, he may desire those things that are well-pleasing to thee, and with all his strength fulfil the same. Through.

Let us also pray for all Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and all orders in Christ's holy Church, and for all Confessors, Virgins, and Widows, and for all the holy people of God.

P. Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. [M. Arise.]

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Collect

Almighty, everliving God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: receive our supplications which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church; that every member of the same in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve thee. Through . . . . . in the unity of the same.

Let us also pray for our President, N., that the Lord our God, giving him the victory over all his enemies, would keep us in continual peace.

P. Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. [M. Arise.]

Collect

Almighty, everliving God, in whose hand is the power and right of all the kingdoms of the earth: graciously look upon this Christian nation; that its enemies, trusting in their own strength, may by the right hand of thy might, be brought to nought. Through.

Let us also pray for all Catechumens: that the Lord our God would open the ears of their hearts, and the gate of his mercy; that having, by the laver of regeneration, received the remission of all their sins, they may themselves be found worthy in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P. Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. [M. Arise.]

Collect

Almighty, everliving God, Who ever makest thy Church fruitful in bestowing upon her fresh off-spring;

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increase the faith and understanding of all Catechumens; that, being born anew in the font of Baptism, they may be gathered into the number of thine adopted children. Through.

Let us pray, dearly beloved, that God the Father Almighty would cleanse the world from all errors, that he would take away all pestilences, and drive hence all famine; that he would open the doors of the prisons, and loosen every chain; that to travellers he would grant a safe return, health to the sick, and a sure haven to all that journey by sea.

P. Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. [M. Arise.]

Collect

Almighty, everliving God, the comforter of them that mourn, the strength of them that toil: let the prayers of them that cry unto thee in divers tribulations come into thy presence; that they all, in their several necessities, may rejoice in the presence of thy loving-kindness. Through.

Let us also pray for all heretics and schismatics, that Jesus Christ, our Lord and God, would deliver them from all their errors: and would vouchsafe to call them back to their holy mother, the Catholic and Apostolic Church.

P. Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. [M. Arise.]

Collect

Almighty, everliving God, who would have all men to be saved, and wouldest not that any should perish:

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look upon all souls deceived by the wiles of the devil; that laying aside all wicked heresy, the hearts of those that are in error may be so turned, that they may come again to the unity of thy truth. Through.

Let us also pray for the faithless Jews: that the Lord our God would take away the veils from their hearts: that they also may acknowledge our Lord Jesus Christ.
Let us pray.

Neither Let us bow the knee, *nor* Arise, *are said, but the Collect immediately follows.*

Collect

Almighty, everliving God, who dost not cast out from thy mercy even the faithless Jews: mercifully hear the prayers we offer unto thee, for that blinded nation; that, acknowledging Christ, the Light of thy truth, they may be delivered from their darkness. Through the same.

Let us also pray for the heathen: that Almighty God would take away the iniquity from their hearts; that leaving their idols they may be turned to the living and true God, and to his only Son, Jesus Christ our God and Lord. With whom, and with the Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end.
P. Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. [M. Arise.]

Collect

Almighty, everliving God, who desirest not the

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death, but rather the life of sinners; favorably receive our prayer; deliver them from idolatry, and gather them into thy holy Church, to the praise and glory of thy Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

[*In Churches where it is held, here follows the Veneration of the Cross.*]

The candles on the altar are lighted and the Priest with his Ministers proceeds to the Altar where the Holy Sacrament was deposited the day before. He censes the Holy Sacrament and bears the sacred Vessel back to the Altar. The hymn **Vexilla Regis** *is sung in procession.*

The priest places the Sacred Vessel upon the Altar, censes the Holy Sacrament. The Host is placed on the Altar in the usual manner, wine and water unblessed being poured into the Chalice, nothing being said. Then he censes the Oblation and Altar in the accustomed way in the usual words. The priest is not censed; he washes his hands, saying nothing. Then bowing down, he says privately:

In the spirit of humility and with a contrite heart let us be accepted by thee, O Lord: and so let our sacrifice be in thy sight this day, that it may be well-pleasing unto thee, O Lord our God.

Then turning to the people he says:

Brethren, pray that both my Sacrifice and yours also may be acceptable to God the Father almighty.

No answer is made: all else omitted, he continues;

Let us pray. As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy

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Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The priest continues, making the accustomed fraction as on other days, saying privately:

Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come: and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and of thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, of Andrew, and all thy Saints: favourably grant peace in our time: that we, being holpen by thy mercy, may be kept free from sin, and safe from all disquietude: through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Then he puts a particle of the Host in the Chalice, as usual, saying nothing; then proceeds to communicate himself, saying only the words of reception, without previous prayer;

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ be unto me a sinner the way and the life. Amen.

Having received the particle of the Host with the wine, he takes the ablutions, and says privately this prayer in the midst of the Altar;

Grant, O Lord, that what we have received with our lips we may keep with a pure heart, so that by the gift vouchsafed in this present life, there may be given unto us everlasting life. Amen.

After this the Priest and his ministers reverence the altar and depart.

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APRIL 2

ST. FRANCIS OF PAULA, ABBOT.

The Collect

O God, who art the exaltation of the lowly, who hast raised blessed Francis to the glory of the Saints: grant, we beseech thee; that at his prayers, and by following his example, we may have grace to attain unto the rewards promised to the humble. Through.

All else as in Common IX, p. 173

APRIL 3

ST. RICHARD, B. C.

The Collect

O God, who hast made thy Church to shine by the deeds and glorious miracles of blessed Richard, thy Confessor and Bishop: grant, that we, thy servants, through his intercession, may attain to the blessedness of eternal glory. Through.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

APRIL 11

ST. LEO, B. C. D.

The Collect

O God, who didst fight against the enemies of thy Sacred Humanity, and of thy Church by the words and deeds of Saint Leo, thy Bishop: we beseech thee to grant; that by the brightness of his writings, we may be enabled to walk in the paths of his virtues. Who livest.

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APRIL 19

ST. ALPHEGE, B. M.

The Collect

O God, who didst adorn Saint Alphege, thy Bishop, with the dignity of the priesthood, and the palm of martyrdom: mercifully grant us, so to be assisted by his intercession with thee, that we may rejoice with him in everlasting happiness. Through.

All else as in Common II, (in Easter-tide), p. 160, *or IV, (out of Easter-tide), p.* 163

APRIL 21

ST. ANSELM, B. C. D.

The Collect

Hear our prayers, we beseech thee, O Lord, which we bring on this solemnity of blessed Anselm, thy Confessor and Bishop: and for the sake of the good deeds of him who was counted worthy to serve thee; absolve us from all our sins. Through.

All else as in Common VII, p. 170

APRIL 23

ST. GEORGE, M.

The Collect

O God, who dost make us to rejoice in the good deeds and intercession of blessed George, thy Martyr: mercifully grant; through his prayers, that the benefits we ask of thee we may obtain by the gift of thy grace. Through.

All else as in Common II, (in Easter-tide), p. 160, *or IV, (out of Easter-tide), p.* 165

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APRIL 28

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS, C.

The Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst endue Saint Paul with singular love in the preaching of the Cross, and didst will that through him a new family should grow up in the Church: grant us, through his intercession, that by continually cherishing thy Passion on earth, we may be made worthy to reap its fruit in heaven. Who livest.

All else as in Common VIII, p. 172

APRIL 30

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, V.

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God; that we who celebrate the heavenly birthday of blessed Catherine, thy Virgin, may both rejoice in her yearly festival, and also profit by the example of so great a virtue. Through.

All else as in Common XI, p. 176

MAY 2

ST. ATHANASIUS, B. C. D.

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we may ever rightly understand, and truly confess; the excellent greatness of thy Word, which Saint Athanasius so constantly maintained. Through the same.

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MAY 3

INVENTION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Collect

O God, who in the wonderful Invention of the saving Cross didst renew the miracles of thy Passion: grant; that by the ransom paid on that life-giving wood, we may find help to obtain eternal life. Who livest.

The Epistle, Phil. ii: 5

Brethren, let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who ,being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Gospel, St. John iii: 1

At that time, there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can

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he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

The Post Communion

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to defend us, who have now been filled with heavenly nourishment, and refreshed with spiritual drink, from all malice of the enemy; forasmuch as thou dost make us always to triumph through the wood of the Holy Cross of thy Son, which is the armour of righteousness for the salvation of the world. Through the same.

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MAY 4

ST. MONICA, W.

The Collect

O God, who art the comforter of them that mourn, and the salvation of them that hope in thee: who didst graciously accept the godly tears which Saint Monica poured forth for the conversion of Augustine, her son; grant unto us, at the intercession of them both, truly to lament our sins, and to obtain thy merciful pardon. Through.

All else as in Common XIII, p. 178

MAY 5

CONVERSION OF ST. AUGUSTINE

O God, who hast adorned this day by the wonderful conversion of blessed Augustine, thy Confessor and Bishop: grant, we beseech thee; that as he became a bulwark to thy Church by exposing the errors of heresy, so he may defend us by his prayers from the assaults of the ancient enemy. Through.

The Epistle, Romans xiii: 12

Brethren: the night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

The Gospel, as in Common IX, p. 173

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The Post Communion

O God, who didst with ineffable providence bring forth blessed Augustine from the darkness of error to the light of gospel truth: grant, we beseech thee; that we who on this day celebrate his conversion, may, through his prayers, receive the manifold gifts of thy grace. Through.

MAY 6

ST. JOHN BEFORE THE LATIN GATE

The Collect

O God, who seest that our evils trouble us on every side: grant, we beseech thee; that the glorious intercession of blessed John, thy Apostle and Evengelist, may protect us. Through.

The Epistle, as in Common II, p. 160

The Gospel, St. Matt. xx: 20

At that time there came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

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The Post Communion

We beseech thee, O Lord, that being refreshed with the Bread from heaven, we may be preserved unto everlasting life. Through.

MAY 7

ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY, B. C.

The Collect

O God, who hast hallowed this propitious day with the feast of blessed John, thy Confessor and Bishop: grant to thy Church worthily to rejoice in his solemnity, and to us that we may be holpen by his example and by his merits. Through.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

MAY 9

ST. GREGORY OF NAZIANZEN, B. C. D.

The Collect

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, in thy Church the spirit whereby Saint Gregory served thee: that we being filled with the same, may endeavour to love that which he loved, and to do that which he taught. Through. . . . in the unity of the same.

All else as in Common VII, p. 170

MAY 12

ST. PANCRAS, M.

The Collect

O God, who didst strengthen blessed Pancras, thy Martyr, with the virtue of constancy in sufferings: grant, we beseech thee; that we following his example, for love of thee may despise the prosperous things of this world, and fear none of its adversities. Through.

All else as in Common II, (in Easter-tide,) p. 160, *or Common IV, (out of Easter-tide), p.* 165

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MAY 14

ST. BONIFACE, M.

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God; that we who celebrate the birthday of blessed Boniface, thy Martyr, may be holpen by his prayers in thy presence. Through.

All else as in Common II, (in Easter-tide,) p. 160, *or Common IV (out of Easter-tide) p.* 165

MAY 19

ST. DUNSTAN, B. C.

The Collect

O God, who hast translated the blessed Dunstan, thy high priest, to thy heavenly kingdom: grant; that we, for his glorious sake, may pass to never ending joys. Through.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

MAY 20

ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA, C.

The Collect

Lord Jesus, who didst give to thy blessed Confessor Bernardine the grace to love thy Name exceeding well: we beseech thee, for his sake and through his prayers, mercifully to pour out upon us the spirit of thy love. Who livest.

All else as in Common VIII, p. 172

MAY 25

ST. ALDHELM, B. C.

The Collect

O God, who as on this day, didst exalt thy holy Bishop Aldhelm to everlasting joys: we beseech thee; that

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thy mercy may lead us also thither, for his sake, and at his prayers. Through.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

MAY 26

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, B. C.

The Collect

O God, who didst appoint the blessed Augustine, thy Bishop to be the first teacher of the English nation: grant, we beseech thee; that as we declare his good deeds on earth, we may feel the assistance of his prayers in heaven. Through.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

ST. PHILIP NERI, C.

The Collect

O God, who didst separate thy servant Philip from the people that he might execute the priest's office before thee: separate us, at his intercession, from all sinners; that according to our calling, we may be made unto thee a royal priesthood, a holy people. Through.

All else as in Common VIII, p. 172

MAY 27

THE VENERABLE BEDE, C.

The Collect

O God, who makest thy Church illustrious by the learning of blessed Bede, thy Confessor and Doctor: mercifully grant to thy servants; that they may be enlightened by his wisdom, and aided for his sake. Through.

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ROGATION MONDAY

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we, who in our troubles do trust only in thy mercy, may by thy protection be defended against all adversities. Through.

The Epistle, St. James v: 16

Dearly beloved, confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

The Gospel, St. Luke xi: 5

At that time, Jesus said unto his disciples: Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. And I say unto you: Ask

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and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? or if ye shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

The Post Communion

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that thy gracious favour may ever further our hearty desires: and as in our tribulation we have received thy gifts, grant us the increase of thy love to our great comfort. Through.

ROGATION TUESDAY

All as on Rogation Monday

ROGATION WEDNESDAY

The Eve of the Ascension

The Collect

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: grant to us thy humble servants; that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same. Through.

The Epistle, Eph. iv: 7

Brethren, unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that

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he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

The Gospel, St. John xvii: 1

At that time, Jesus, lifting up his eyes to heaven, said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they

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are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee.

The Post Communion

Grant unto us, O Lord, that we who have been strengthened with the virtue of thy heavenly table, may desire those things which are right, and obtain those which we desire. Through.

WHITSUN-EVE

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, O almighty God, that the splendour of thy brightness may shine upon us: and that the light of thy light, through the illumination of the Holy Ghost, may strengthen the hearts of those who by thy grace, have been born again. Through.

For the Epistle, Acts xix: 1

In those days it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, he said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him that should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when

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Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve. And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

The Gospel, St. John xiv: 15

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

The Post Communion

May our hearts be cleansed, O Lord, by the inpouring of the Holy Spirit; and may he render them fruitful by watering them with his heavenly dew. Through.

EMBER WEDNESDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK

The Collect

We beseech thee, O Lord, that the Comforter who proceedeth from thee may enlighten our hearts: and

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lead us, as thy Son hath promised, into all truth. Who liveth.

For the Epistle, Acts v: 12

In those days, by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

The Gospel, St. John vi: 44

At that time Jesus said to the Jews, No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he

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shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

The Post Communion

Having received this heavenly Sacrament, we beseech thy mercy, O Lord, that what we do in this world may bring us to the joys of everlasting life. Through.

EMBER FRIDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, O merciful God, to thy Church: that it being gathered together in thy Holy Spirit, may be disturbed by no assaults of the enemy. Through.

For the Epistle, Joel ii: 23

Thus saith the Lord God: Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpiller, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

The Gospel, St. Luke v: 17

At that time it came to pass on a certain day, as Jesus

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was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judæa, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them. And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him. And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus. And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone? But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts? Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house. And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things today.

The Post Communion

Having received the gifts of thy sacred Mysteries, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that what thou hast commanded us to do as a memorial of thee may profit us to the relief of our infirmities. Who livest.

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EMBER SATURDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK

The Collect

We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully pour into our hearts thy Holy Spirit: by whose wisdom we were created, and by whose providence we are governed. Through.

The Epistle, Rom. v: 1

Brethren, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

The Gospel, St. Luke iv: 38

At that time, Jesus arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her. And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them. Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ. And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him,

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and stayed him, that he should not depart from them. And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent. And he preached in the synagogues of Galilee.

The Post Communion

Let these thy Holy Things, O Lord, fill us with the fervour of divine love: that we may be gladdened by the celebration of the same, and filled with the enjoyment of the fruits thereof. Through.

THURSDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

CORPUS CHRISTI

The Collect

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a Memorial of thy Passion: grant us, we beseech thee; so to reverence the sacred Mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption. Who livest.

The Epistle, 1 Cor. xi: 23

Brethren, I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

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But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

The Gospel, St. John vi: 55

At that time, Jesus said to the multitudes of the Jews, My flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall life for ever.

The Post Communion

Make us, we beseech thee, O Lord, to be fulfilled with the everlasting fruition of thy Godhead: whereof the receiving of thy precious Body and Blood in this life is both a figure and a pledge. Who livest.

FRIDAY AFTER THE OCTAVE DAY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Collect

O Lord Jesu Christ, grant that we may be clothed with the virtues, and constrained by the love of thy most holy Heart: that we being made conformable to the image of thy goodness, may be counted worthy to be made partakers of thy redemption. Who livest.

For the Epistle, Isaiah xii: 1

In that day thou shalt say, O Lord I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned

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away, and thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

The Gospel, St. John xix: 31

At that time the Jews, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true.

The Post Communion

We humbly beseech thee, O Lord our God, who art meek and lowly of heart, that thou wouldst cleanse us, who have been fed with peaceful delights and life-giving Sacraments, from the stain of every sin, and make us abhor more steadfastly the proud vanities of the world. Who livest.

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JUNE 2

SS. POTHINUS, B., BLANDINA, V., MM.

The Collect

O God, who didst arm blessed Pothinus, Blandina, and their Companions with heavenly might to endure divers kinds of torments: grant that we bring rooted and grounded in thy love; may thereby be also enabled to endure all the sufferings of this present time. Through.

All else as in Common III, p. 162, (*in Easter-tide*), *or Common V, p.* 166, (*out of Easter-tide*)

JUNE 5

ST. BONIFACE, B., AND HIS COMPANIONS, MM.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who upon blessed Boniface and his Companions didst bestow the crown of martyrdom: grant us, we beseech thee; pardon for their sake on whom thou hast deigned to bestow a crown of glory. Through.

All else as in Common III, p. 162, (*in Easter-tide*), *or Common V, p.* 166, (*out of Easter-tide*)

JUNE 9

ST. COLUMBA, ABBOT

The Collect

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour into our hearts the desire of heavenly glory: and grant; that we may carry with us our sheaves of righteousness to thy right hand, where the blessed Abbot Columba, who followed thee, now shineth in everlasting light. Through.

All else as in Common IX, p. 173

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JUNE 10

ST. MARGARET, Q.

The Collect

O God who madest Margaret, the blessed Queen, wonderful for tender devotion towards the poor: grant that through her intercession and example thy charity may increase evermore within our hearts. Through.

All else as in Common XIII, p. 178

JUNE 13

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, C.

The Collect

O God, may the solemn feast of blessed Anthony thy Confessor, rejoice thy Church: that she may ever be defended by spiritual help, and merit the enjoyment of eternal bliss. Through.

All else as in Common VIII, p. 172

JUNE 14

ST. BASIL, B. C. D.

The Collect

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the hearts of thy faithful people at the intercession of Saint Basil: that they giving good heed to holy teaching; may both know what they ought to follow, and also attain that after which they seek. Through.

All else as in Common VII, p. 170

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JUNE 19

SS. GERVASE AND PROTASE, MM.

The Collect

O God, who makest us glad by the yearly solemnity of thy holy Martyrs Gervase and Protase: mercifully grant; that as we rejoice in their good deeds, we may be inflamed by their example. Through.

All else as in Common V, p. 166

JUNE 20

TRANSLATION OF ST. EDWARD, K. M.

The Collect as on March 18, *p.* 29 *with this difference, that the word* Translation *shall be said instead of* Martyrdom. *All else as in Common IV, p.* 165

JUNE 22

ST. ALBAN, PROTOMARTYR OF ENGLAND

The Collect

O God, who hast hallowed this day by the martyrdom of blessed Alban: grant, we beseech thee; that as we yearly rejoice in the celebration of his festival, we may be continually encouraged by his assistance. Through.

All else as in Common IV, p. 165

JUNE 23

ST. ETHELDREDA, V.

The Collect

O God, who art the Spouse of virgins, the solace of the continent, and the Health of all them that love thee: favourably grant; that all we who reverently do keep

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the feast of thy blessed Virgin Etheldreda, may at her intercession, be made partakers of thy Majesty. Who livest.

All else as in Common XI, p. 176

THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God: that thy family may walk in the way of salvation; and by following the exhortations of blessed John the forerunner, may in all safety attain unto him whom he foretold, our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son. Who liveth.

For the Epistle, Jer. i: 4

In those days, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

The Gospel, St. Luke i: 5

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judæa, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her

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name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. And it came to pass, that, while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, according to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

The Post Communion

Let the excellent prayer of blessed John the Baptist accompany us, O Lord: and may he entreat him to be reconciled to us, whom he foretold should come, even our Lord Jesus Christ. Who liveth.

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JUNE 28

VIGIL OF SS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we whom thou hast firmly established upon the rock of the Apostolic confession; may never be moved by any tribulations. Through.

All else as in Common I, p. 159

JUNE 30

COMMEMORATION OF ST. PAUL

The Collect

O God, who hast taught the multitude of the Gentiles by the preaching of blessed Paul the Apostle: grant, we beseech thee; that we may know that we have the aid of his prayers with thee, whose birthday festival we do keep. Through.

Commemoration of St. Peter

O Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock; make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory. Through.

The Epistle, Gal. i: 11

Brethren, I certify you, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how

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that beyond measure I persecuted the Church of God, and wasted it: and profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the tradition of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. But other of the Apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother. Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.

The Gospel, St. Matt. x: 16

At that time Jesus said, Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; and ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

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The Post Communion

Having partaken of thy Sacraments, O Lord, we implore thee, that what we have celebrated in honour of Blessed Paul, thine Apostle, may, by his intercession, avail us as a healing remedy. Through.

JULY 2

VISITATION B. V. M.

The Collect

We beseech thee, O Lord, grant us thy servants the gifts of thy heavenly grace: that as our salvation began by the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin, so this devout solemnity of her Visitation may afford us an increase of peace. Through.

For the Epistle, Song of Solomon, ii: 8

Behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice. My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

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The Gospel, St. Luke i: 39

At that time, Mary arose and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; and entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: and she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord. And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

The Post Communion

Having received, O Lord, the Sacrament which we offer unto thee in this yearly solemnity, we humbly beseech thee, that It may be unto us as a healing grace both for this life and that of the world to come. Through.

JULY 3

ST. IRENÆUS, B., AND HIS COMPANIONS, MM.

The Collect

O God, who didst give Saint Irenæus to thy Church as a worthy Shepherd and a great Doctor: grant, we beseech thee; that as when he laid down his life for his sheep, he had them with him as partners in his passion, so we, being renewed by his faith and doc-

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trine, may ever follow him both in heart and deed. Through.

All else as in Common V, p. 166

JULY 4

TRANSLATION OF ST. MARTIN, B. C.

The Collect

O God, who seest that we trust in no strength of our own: mercifully grant; by the prayers of blessed Martin, thy Confessor and Bishop, that we may be defended against all adversities. Through.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

JULY 6

OCTAVE DAY SS. PETER AND PAUL

The Collect

O God, whose right hand raised up blessed Peter, when he walked upon the waves, lest he should sink, and delivered his fellow Apostle Paul from the deep of the sea, when thrice he suffered shipwreck: favourably hear our prayers, and grant; for the sake of them both, that we may obtain eternal glory. Who livest.

For the Epistle, Ecclus. xliv: 10

These were merciful men, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten. With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance, and their children are within the covenant. Their seed standeth fast, and their children for their sakes. Their seed shall remain for ever, and their glory shall not be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore. The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will shew forth their praise.

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The Gospel, St. Matt. xiv: 22

At that time, Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

The Post Communion

Protect thy people, O Lord, and preserve by never-ending defence those who trust in the patronage of thine apostles, Peter and Paul. Through.

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JULY 7

TRANSLATION OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, B. M.

The Collect

O God, who dost suffer us to celebrate the Translation of blessed Thomas, thy Martyr and Bishop: we humbly implore thee; that for his sake and at his prayers, we may be translated from sin to virtue, and from bondage to the kingdom. Through.

All else as in Common IV, p. 163

JULY 14

ST. BONAVENTURE, B. C. D.

The Collect

O God, who didst make Saint Bonaventure to shine and to burn as a Bishop and Doctor in thy Church: grant that we may be so inwardly touched by his heavenly doctrine; that we may be filled with the sweetness of the love that dwelt in him. Through.

All else as in Common VII, p. 170

JULY 15

TRANSLATION OF ST. SWITHUN, B. C.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast made this day honourable for us by the translation of blessed Swithun, thy Confessor and Bishop: grant thy Church joy in this feast, that we who reverently celebrate his memory on earth may by his prayers be lifted up to heaven. Through.

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JULY 16

TRANSLATION OF ST. OSMUND, B. C.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who makest us glad to-day by the feast of Saint Osmund, thy Confessor and Bishop: we humbly beseech thy mercy; that as with sacred services we celebrate his memory, so by his prayers we may be holpen to the attainment of the glory of eternal life. Through.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

JULY 19

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, C.

O God, who didst endue blessed Vincent with Apostolic might, that he might preach the gospel to the poor, and promote decency and comeliness among the ecclesiastical orders: grant, we beseech thee; that as we reverence his worthy deeds, we may also follow his example. Through.

All else as in Common VIII, p. 172

JULY 20

ST. MARGARET, V. M.

The Collect

We beseech thee, O Lord, let blessed Margaret, Virgin and Martyr, implore thy pardon for us: who by the purity of her life, and the profession of thy power, was ever pleasing to thee. Through.

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JULY 22

ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

The Collect

Most merciful Father, bestow upon thy servants remission of all their sins: which blessed Mary Magdalene herself obtained by loving thine Only-begotten Son above all things; and grant that she may evermore entreat thy loving-kindness to give unto us a place in everlasting blessedness. Through the same.

For the Epistle, Song of Solomon, iii: 2

I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. The watchmen that go about the city found me: to whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth? It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me. I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love till he please. Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.

The Gospel, St. Luke vii: 36

At that time, one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Phari-

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see's house, and sat down to meat. And behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, and stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that

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forgiveth sins also? And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

The Post Communion

Having received the only remedy of salvation, thy Body and Precious Blood, we beseech thee, O Lord, that by the intercession of Saint Mary Magdalene, we may be delivered from all evils. Who livest.

JULY 26

ST. ANNE, MOTHER OF THE B. V. M.

The Collect

O God, who didst vouchsafe to bestow grace upon blessed Anne, that she might become the mother of the parent of thy Only-begotten Son: mercifully grant; that we, who celebrate her festival, may be helped by her prayers to thee. Through the same.

All else as in Common XIII, p. 178

JULY 29

ST. MARTHA, V.

The Collect

O God, who during thine earthly conversation, didst vouchsafe to be entertained in the house of blessed Martha: grant, we beseech thee; that with her we may be suffered to feed thee in thy members. Who livest.

All else as in Common XI, p. 176

JULY 31

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA, C.

The Collect

O God, who didst separate thy servant Ignatius from

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the people that he might execute the priest's office before thee: separate us, at his intercession, from all sinners; that according to our calling, we may be made unto thee a royal priesthood, a holy people. Through.

All else as in Common VIII, p. 172

ST. GERMANUS OF AUXERRE, B. C.

The Collect

Hear us, O God of our salvation: and because our own words do not deserve to be heard, we beseech thee that the intervention of blessed Germanus, thy Confessor and Bishop, may be accepted in our behalf. Through.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

AUGUST 1

ST. PETER'S CHAINS

The Collect

O God, who didst set free blessed Peter the Apostle from his chains, and let him go unhurt: loose us, we beseech thee; from the bonds of our sins, and mercifully protect us from all evil. Through.

Commemoration of the Holy Maccabees, MM.

The Collect

We beseech thee, O Lord, that the fraternal victory of thy Holy Martyrs may make us glad: that so our faith may receive an increase of strength; and our hearts be comforted by the prayers of so many intercessors. Through.

For the Epistle, Acts xii: 1

In those days, Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed

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James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

The Gospel, St. Matt. xvi: 13

At that time, Jesus coming into the coasts of Cæsarea

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Philippi, asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

The Post Communion for St. Peter

Having been satisfied with thy Sacred Body and Precious Blood, we beseech thee, O Lord our God, that what we perform in loving devotion we may effectually obtain. Who livest.

The Post Communion for the Holy Maccabees

Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, that we may more and more closely follow the faith of those whose memory we celebrate in the receiving of thy Sacrament. Through.

AUGUST 4

ST. DOMINIC, ABBOT

The Collect

O God, who hast been pleased to enlighten thy

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Church with the good deeds and teaching of blessed Dominic: grant, at his intercession; that thy Church may never be left in want of temporal aids, and may always grow with spiritual increase. Through.

The Epistle and Gospel as in Common VII, p. 170

The Post Communion

Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, that we who are sore burdened by the weight of our sins, may be sustained by the patronage of blessed Dominic, thy Confessor. Through.

AUGUST 5

ST. OSWALD, K. M.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast consecrated the joyful and happy gladness of this day by the passion of thy holy servant Oswald: grant unto our hearts the increase of love and charity; that while we celebrate the shedding of his hallowed blood on earth, we may experience the effect of his prayers in heaven. Through.

All else as in Common IV, p. 165

AUGUST 7

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The Collect

O God, who didst appoint thine Only-begotten Son to be the Saviour of mankind, and didst command that he be called Jesus: mercifully grant; that we may enjoy the blessed vision in heaven of him whose Holy Name we reverence upon earth. Through the same.

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For the Epistle, Acts iv: 8

In those days, Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, if we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

The Gospel, St. Luke, ii: 21

At that time, when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Post Communion

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast created and redeemed us, graciously look upon our offerings, and condescend to accept the sacrifice of the saving Victim which we have offered unto thy divine Majesty in honour of the Name of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; that, thy grace being poured into our hearts, we may rejoice in the glorious Name of Jesus, the title of eternal salvation, whereby our names are written in heaven. Through the same.

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AUGUST 10

ST. LAWRENCE, M.

The Collect

Grant us, we beseech thee, Almighty God, the grace to quench the flames of our vices: as thou didst endue the blessed Lawrence with power to overcome the fires of his torments. Through.

The Epistle, 2 Cor. ix: 6

Brethren, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: as it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth forever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness.

The Gospel, St. John xii: 24

At that time Jesus said to his disciples, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

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The Post Communion

We beseech thee, O Lord, that being refreshed with thy Sacred Gifts by the offering of our due service and the prayers of thy holy martyr Lawrence, we may ever perceive within ourselves the increase of thy saving power. Through.

AUGUST 12

ST. CLARA, V.

The Collect

O God, who dost make thy habitation in the pure heart: mercifully grant; that while we meekly honour the purity of Clara, thy faithful spouse; we may also follow the example of her godly conversation. Through.

All else as in Common XI, p. 176

AUGUST 14

VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION B. V. M.

The Collect

O God, who didst vouchsafe to choose the virgin womb of blessed Mary as a shrine wherein thou mightest rest: grant, we beseech thee; that we being defended by her intercession, may joyfully take part in her coming festival. Who livest.

For the Epistle, Ecclus. xxiv: 17

As the vine brought I forth pleasant savour, and my flowers are the fruit of honour and riches. I am the mother of fair love, and fear, and knowledge, and holy hope: I therefore, being eternal, am given to all my children which are named of him. Come unto me, all ye that be desirous of me, and fill yourselves with

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my fruits. For my memorial is sweeter than honey, and mine inheritance than the honeycomb. They that eat me shall yet be hungry, and they that drink me shall yet be thirsty. He that obeyeth me shall never be confounded, and they that work by me shall not do amiss.

The Gospel, as in the Votive Mass of the B. V. M. from Purification to Advent, p. 200

The Post Communion

Heal, O merciful God, the weakness of our infirmities, and grant that we who are coming to the festival of the holy Mother of God, may, by the aid of her prayers, rise again from our iniquities. Through.

AUGUST 15

ASSUMPTION B. V. M.

The Collect

Forgive, O Lord, we beseech thee, the sins of thy people: that we who are not able to do anything of ourselves that is pleasing to thee, may be assisted in the way of salvation by the prayers of the Mother of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth.

For the Epistle, Ecclus. xxiv: 7

With all these I sought rest: and in whose inheritance shall I abide? So the Creator of all things gave me a commandment, and he that made me caused my tabernacle to rest, and said, Let thy dwelling be in Jacob, and thine inheritance in Israel. He created me from the beginning before the world, and I shall never fail. In the holy tabernacle I served before him; and so was I established in Sion. Likewise in the beloved city

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he gave me rest, and in Jerusalem was my power. And I took root in an honourable people, even in the portion of the Lord's inheritance. I was exalted like a cedar in Libanus, and as a cypress tree upon the mountains of Hermon. I was exalted like a palm tree in En-gaddi, and as a rose plant in Jericho, as a fair olive tree in a pleasant field, and grew up as a plane tree by the water. I gave a sweet smell like cinnamon and aspalathus, and I yielded a pleasant odour like the best myrrh.

The Gospel, St. Luke i: 46

At that time, Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever.

The Post Communion

O Lord our God, who hast made us partakers of thy heavenly table, we implore thy mercy, that as we venerate the Assumption of the holy Mother of God, we may, by her intercession, be delivered from all the evils that threaten us. Through.

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AUGUST 16 or Sunday in the Octave of the Assumption.

ST. JOACHIM, C.

The Collect

O God, who didst choose blessed Joachim, before all thy Saints, to be the father of the Mother of thy Son: grant, we beseech thee; that as we hold his festival in honour, so we may ever feel his protection. Through the same.

All else as in Common VIII, p. 172

AUGUST 19

ST. HELENA, W.

The Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst reveal to blessed Helena the place where thy Cross lay hid, that through her thou mightest enrich thy Church with that precious treasure: grant to us, at her intercession; that by the price paid on that life-giving wood, we may obtain the rewards of everlasting life. Who liveth.

All else as in Common XIII, p. 178

AUGUST 20

ST. BERNARD, ABBOT

The Collect

O God, who didst make blessed Bernard, the Abbot, enkindled with the fire of thy love, both to burn and to shine in thy Church: grant, at his intercession; that we being inspired by the same Spirit of love, may ever walk as children of light. Through.

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AUGUST 21

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, W.

The Collect

Almighty and merciful God, who didst make blessed Jane Frances, enkindled with thy love, to walk with wondrous fortitude in all the ways of perfection; and who wast also pleased by her to enrich thy Church with a new seed: grant for her sake, and at her prayers; that we who knowing our own infirmity do trust only in thy strength, may overcome all our adversities by the help of thy heavenly grace. Through.

All else as in Common XIII, p. 178

AUGUST 25

ST. LOUIS, K. C.

The Collect

O God, who hast translated the blessed King Louis from an earthly realm to the glory of the heavenly kingdom: make us, we pray thee, at his intercession, and for his sake; to sit in heavenly places with the King of kings, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth.

All else as in Common VIII, p. 172

AUGUST 28

ST. AUGUSTINE, B. C. D.

The Collect

O Almighty God, be ready to hear our humble supplications: and since thou dost suffer us to have confidence in the hope of thy loving-kindness; mercifully grant at the intercession of blessed Augustine, thy Confessor and Bishop, that we may effectually obtain thy wonted mercy. Through.

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For the Epistle, Ecclus. 1: 1

Behold a great priest, who in his life repaired the house again, and in his days fortified the temple: and by him was built from the foundation the double height, the high fortress of the wall about the temple: in his days the cistern to receive water, being in compass as the sea, was covered with plates of brass: he took care of the temple that it should not fall, and fortified the city against besieging: how is he honoured in the midst of the people, in his coming out of the sanctuary! He was as the morning star in the midst of a cloud, and as the moon at the full: as the sun shining upon the temple of the most High, and as the rainbow giving light in the bright clouds: and as the flower of roses in the spring of the year, as lilies by the rivers of waters, and as the branches of the frankincense tree in the time of summer: as fire and incense in the censer, and as a vessel of beaten gold set with all manner of precious stones: and as a fair olive tree budding forth fruit, and as a cypress tree wh'ch groweth up to the clouds. When he put on the robe of honour, and was clothed with the perfection of glory, when he went up to the holy altar, he made the garment of holiness honourable. When he took the portions out of the priests' hands, he himself stood by the hearth of the altar, compassed with his brethren round about as a young cedar in Libanus; and as palm trees compassed they him round about. So were all the sons of Aaron in their glory, and the oblations of the Lord in their hands, before all the congregation of Israel.

The Gospel as in Common VII, p. 170

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The Post Communion

We beseech thee, O Lord, that thou wouldst grant to us, receiving thy saving Sacraments, to follow after his teaching whose glorious feast we celebrate. Through.

AUGUST 29

THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST

The Collect

We beseech thee, O Lord, that the holy festival of St. John the Baptist, thy forerunner and Martyr, may afford us thy help towards the obtaining of our salvation. Who livest.

For the Epistle, Jer. i: 17

In those days the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them. For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee.

The Gospel, St. Mark vi: 17

At that time, Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her. For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife. Therefore Herodias had

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a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not: for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee; and when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom. And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist. And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her. And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother. And when his disciples heard of it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

The Post Communion

May the solemn festival of St. John Baptist enable us, O Lord, both to venerate that which is signified in this august Sacrament, and also to rejoice that thy grace is increasingly manifested in our lives. Through.

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SEPTEMBER 1

ST. GILES, ABBOT

The Collect

O God, who on this day didst cause blessed Giles, thy Confessor and Abbot, to enter the courts of the kingdom of heaven: grant, we beseech thee; that we may sensibly be aided by his prayers in whose good deeds we reverently rejoice. Through.

All else as in Common IX, p. 173

SEPTEMBER 7

ST. EVURTIUS, B. C.

The Collect

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord thy Church with thy perpetual mercy at the intercession of the blessed Bishop Evertius: that while it is tossed on the waves of this troublesome world; it may rejoice in this time present, and at last obtain the joys of everlasting blessedness. Through.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

SEPTEMBER 8

NATIVITY B. V. M.

The Collect

We beseech thee, O Lord, grant us thy servants the gifts of thy heavenly grace: that as our salvation began by the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin, so this devout solemnity of her Nativity may afford us an increase of peace. Through.

For the Epistle, Prov. viii: 22

The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way,

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before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no foundations abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth; while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, not the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: when he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: when he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men. Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord.

The Gospel, St. Matt. i: 1

The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren; and Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram; and Aram begat Amniadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon; and Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth;

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and Obed begat Jesse; and Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias; and Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa; and Asa begat Josaphat; and Josophat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias; and Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias; and Ezekias begat Manasses; and Manasses begat Amon; and Amon begat Josias; and Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon: and after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel; and Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor; and Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud; and Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

The Post Communion as on the Visitation B. V. M., p. 83

SEPTEMBER 14

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Collect

O God, who this day makest thy people glad by the yearly solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross: grant, we beseech thee; that as we have known the sacred Mystery of our redemption here on earth, so we may obtain the rewards thereof in heaven. Through.

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The Epistle, Phil. ii: 5

Brethren, let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Gospel, St. John xii: 31

At that time, Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews, Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die. The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of man? Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.

The Post Communion

Abide with us, O Lord, our God; and, as thou dost make us rejoice in honour of the Holy Cross, defend us also by its perpetual help. Through.

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SEPTEMBER 15

ST. NICOMEDE, M.

The Collect

O Lord be present with thy people: and grant that we who celebrate the glorious merits of blessed Nicomede thy Martyr, may ever have his help in imploring thy mercy. Through.

All else as in Common IV, p. 165

SEPTEMBER 16

ST. CYPRIAN, B. M.

The Collect

Let the continual protection of thy blessed Martyr Cyprian, O Lord, cherish us evermore: for thou wilt not fail favourably to regard those whom thou hast granted to be holpen by such aid. Through.

All else as in Common IV, p. 183

ST. NINIAN, B. C.

The Collect

O God, who hast sanctified this day, and made it worthy of honour by the feast of the holy Bishop Ninian, thy Confessor: mercifully grant; that as by his teaching the light of thy truth hath shined upon us, so by his intercession we may obtain the gladness of everlasting life. Through.

All else as in Common VI p. 168

SEPTEMBER 17

ST. LAMBERT, B. M.

The Collect

We beseech thee, O Lord, let the prayers of blessed

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Lambert, thy Martyr and Bishop, commend us unto thee: and as his glorious passion doth magnify this day, so let us ever be defended by his help. Through.

All else as in Common IV, p. 163

SEPTEMBER 22

ST. MAURICE AND COMPANIONS, MM.

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that our hearts may rejoice in the solemn feast of thy holy Martyrs Maurice and his Companions; and may glory in the birthday of those on whose protection we do lean. Through.

All else as in Common V, p. 166

SEPTEMBER 23

ST. THECLA, V. M.

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that as the glorious Virgin Thecla was the first of womankind to follow the Lord in his Passion; so she may ever prove a ready helper of our weakness. Through the same.

All else as in Common X, p. 174

SEPTEMBER 25

BLESSED LAUNCELOT ANDREWES, B. C.

The Collect

O God, who art the Light of thy faithful people, and the Shepherd of our souls, who also didst place blessed Launcelot as a Bishop in thy Church, that he might feed thy sheep with thy word, and teach them by his example: grant unto us, at his intercession; that we

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may keep the faith he taught by word, and follow the way he showed by his example. Who livest.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

SEPTEMBER 27

SS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MM.

The Collect

Let the reverend feast-day of thy holy Martyrs Cosmas and Damian magnify thee, O Lord: that thereby they may obtain an increase of eternal glory; and we, by thine unspeakable providence, may obtain thy gracious and ready help. Through.

All else as in Common V, p. 166

SEPTEMBER 30

ST. JEROME, C. D.

The Collect

O God, who hast vouchsafed to provide for thy Church blessed Jerome, thy Confessor and Doctor, to expound the Holy Scriptures: grant, we beseech thee; that for his sake, we may be enabled, by thine aid, to perform, what he taught both by word and in deed. Through.

All else as in Common VII, p. 170

EMBER WEDNESDAY IN SEPTEMBER

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech thee, let the healing of thy mercy come to the aid of the weakness of our nature: that whatsoever hath been decayed by reason of its frailty may by thy loving-kindness be restored. Through.

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For the Epistle, Amos ix: 13

Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, the days come, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.

The Gospel, St. Mark ix: 17

At that time, one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; and wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not. He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me. And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help

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thou mine unbelief. When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

The Post Communion

Receiving thy heavenly gifts, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that as of thy bounty we have solemnized this service, so we may likewise partake thereof with a prepared and ready heart. Through.

EMBER FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we who year by year devoutly keep these holy observances, may please thee both in body and soul. Through.

For the Epistle, Hosea xiv: 1

Thus saith the Lord God: O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips. Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our

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gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy. I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found. Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.

The Gospel, as on the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, p. 88

The Post Communion

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who yield thee thanks and praise for the gifts we have received, may be made partakers of still more gracious blessings. Through.

EMBER SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER

The Collect

Almighty, everlasting God, who by healthful continence dost heal both body and soul: we humbly beseech thy Majesty; that thou, being well-pleased by the devout prayers of thy fasting people, mayest grant unto them the help of thy grace both now and for evermore. Through.

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The Epistle, Heb. ix: 2

Brethren, there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; and over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercy-seat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: the Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood, he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

The Gospel, St. Luke xiii: 6

At that time, Jesus spake also this parable; A cer-

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tain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of the vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he, answering, said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: and if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down. And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

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The Post Communion

Let thy Sacraments, O Lord, we beseech thee, operate in us according to their saving power, that we may hereafter enjoy the fulfillment of those things which we now celebrate in mystery. Through.

OCTOBER 2

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

The Collect

O God, who of thine unspeakable Providence dost vouchsafe to send thy holy Angels to guard us: of thy bounty grant us thy humble servants; that we may ever be defended by their protection and rejoice in their eternal fellowship. Through.

For the Epistle, Ex. xxiii: 20

Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him. But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. For mine Angel shall go before thee.

The Gospel, St. Matt. xviii: 1

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Who-

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soever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

The Post Communion

We who have received, O Lord, the divine Mysteries, rejoicing in the feast of thy Holy Angels pray; that we be continually delivered by their protection from the snares of our enemies, and strengthened against all adversities. Through.

OCTOBER 4

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, ABBOT

The Collect

O God, who by the worthy deeds of blessed Francis hast enriched thy Church by the generat on of a new

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seed: grant that we, after his example; despising earthly things, may ever rejoice in the partaking of thy heavenly gifts. Through.

All else as in Common IX, p. 173

OCTOBER 6

ST. BRUNO, ABBOT

The Collect

Let the intercessions of thy Confessor, Saint Bruno, we beseech thee, O Lord, ever assist us: that we who by sinning have grievously offended thy divine Majesty; may at his prayers obtain pardon of all our sins. Through.

All else as in Common IX, p. 173

ST. FAITH, V. M.

The Collect

Almighty, everlasting God, by whose gift blessed Faith hath obtained the palm of virginity and of martyrdom: grant us, by her prayers; so to keep a perfect purity of mind and body, that neither by the allurements of the flesh, nor by the bitterness of affliction and trouble we may ever be overcome. Through.

All else as in Common X, p. 174

OCTOBER 9

ST. DENIS, B. M.

The Collect

O God, who on this day didst strengthen blessed Denis thy Martyr and Bishop with the virtue of constancy in suffering: grant, we beseech thee; that we following his example, for love of thee, may despise

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the prosperous things of this world, and fear none of its adversities. Through.

All else as in Common IV, p. 163

OCTOBER 10

ST. PAULINUS OF YORK, B. C.

The Collect

Almighty God, who didst set blessed Paulinus as a Bishop over thy people, and who didst will that he should profit them both by word and example: grant that the pastors of thy Church at his intercession; may guide their flocks into the way of everlasting salvation, that they all, by the gift of thy grace, may desire things well pleasing to thee, and with all their might perform the same. Through.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

OCTOBER 12

ST. WILFRID, B. C.

The Collect

O God, by whose grace blessed Wilfrid, the Bishop, did shine with such evident signs of holiness: grant, we beseech thee; that we may be ever defended by his patronage, as by his teaching we have been instructed to desire heavenly things. Through.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

OCTOBER 13

TRANSLATION OF ST. EDWARD, K. C.

The Collect

O God, who hast crowned blessed King Edward, thy Confessor, with eternal glory: make us, we beseech

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thee; so to venerate him upon earth, that we may reign with him in heaven. Through.

All else as in Common VIII, p. 172

OCTOBER 15

ST. TERESA, V.

The Collect

O God, who by the admonitions and example of blessed Teresa, the Virgin, didst raise up servants and handmaidens to thyself, upon whom thou didst pour out of thy Spirit: grant unto us at her prayers; that we, after her example, may both be fed with the food of heavenly doctrine, and also inflamed with a desire for true perfection. Through.

All else as in Common XI, p. 176

OCTOBER 19

ST. FRIDESWIDE, V.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who art the Author of strength and the Lover of virginity: grant, we beseech thee; that for the sake of Saint Frideswide, thy Virgin, who by her life of chastity was well pleasing to thee, we also may obtain favour in thy sight. Through.

All else as in Common XI, p. 176

OCTOBER 21

ST. URSULA AND HER COMPANIONS, VV, MM.

The Collect

O God, who by a special providence didst bestow upon blessed Ursula and her Companions the crown

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both of virginity and martyrdom: grant, that they praying for us; we may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally we may attain the haven of everlasting salvation. Through.

All else as in Common X, p. 174

OCTOBER 24

ST. RAPHAEL, ARCHANGEL

The Collect

O God, who didst give blessed Raphael the Archangel unto Tobias, thy servant, as the companion of his way: grant unto us thy servants to be ever protected by his guardianship and defended by his help. Through.

For the Epistle, Tobit xii: 7

In those days the Angel Raphael said unto Tobit, It is good to keep close the secret of a king, but it is honourable to reveal the works of God. Do that which is good and no evil shall touch you. Prayer is good with fasting and alms and righteousness. A little with righteousness is better than much with unrighteousness. It is better to give alms than to lay up gold: for alms doth deliver from death, and shall purge away all sin. Those that exercise alms and righteousness shall be filled with life: but they that sin are enemies to their own life. Surely I will keep close nothing from you. For I said, It was good to keep close the secret of a king, but that it was honourable to reveal the works of God. Now therefore, when thou didst pray, and Sara thy daughter in law, I did bring the remembrance of your prayers before the Holy One: and when thou didst bury the dead, I was with thee like-

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wise. And when thou didst not delay to rise up, and leave thy dinner, to go and cover the dead, thy good deed was not hid from me: but I was with thee. And now God hath sent me to heal thee and Sara thy daughter in law. I am Raphael, one of the seven holy angels, which present the prayers of the saints, and which go in and out before the glory of the Holy One.

The Gospel, St. John v: 1

At that time there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

The Post Communion

We beseech thee, O Lord God, that thou wouldest send to our aid the holy Archangel Raphael: and grant that he whom we believe to be ever serving in the presence of thy Majesty, may present our unworthy prayers, so that they may obtain thy benediction. Through.

OCTOBER 25

SS. CRISPIN AND CRISPINIAN, MM.

The Collect

O God, the invisible strength of those who fight: be present, we beseech thee, to our humble supplications; that we who honour today the glorious triumph of thy holy Martyrs Crispin and Crispinian, may for

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their sakes and at their prayers be defended against all spiritual wickedness. Through.

All else as in Common V, p. 166

OCTOBER 27

VIGIL SS. SIMON AND JUDE, APP.

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that like as we are now coming to the glorious birthday of thy apostles Simon and Jude, so they may prevent thy Majesty in our behalf, that we may be found worthy of thy bountiful gifts. Through.

All else as in Common I, p. 159

OCTOBER 31

VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS

The Collect

O Lord our God, increase and multiply upon us thy grace: and grant that we may by a holy profession follow after the joy of them unto whose glorious solemnities we are coming. Through.

For the Epistle, Rev. v: 6

In those days I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it has been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of

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saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour and glory, and blessing.

The Gospel, St. Luke vi: 17

At that time, Jesus came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judæa and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; and they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for your's is the kingdom of God. Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh. Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

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The Post Communion

We beseech thee, O Lord, that we who have joyfully received thy Sacrament, earnestly desiring the coming feast-day: may be aided by the prayers of all those, in whose memory we have presented our offerings to thee. Through.

NOVEMBER 3

ST. WINIFRID, V. M.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast bestowed upon blessed Winifrid the reward of her virginity: grant, we beseech thee, at her intercession; that we may reject the beguilements of this world, and with her obtain a throne of everlasting glory. Through.

All else as in Common X, p. 174

NOVEMBER 4

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO, B. C.

The Collect

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy, at the intercession of Saint Charles, thy Bishop: and as his pastoral care hath made him glorious; so may his prayers aid us ever to remain fervent in thy love. Through.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

NOVEMBER 6

ST. LEONARD, ABBOT

The Collect

We beseech thee, O Lord, to further our prayers by thy heavenly gift: that we who glory in the guardian-

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ship of blessed Leonard, thy Confessor and Abbot, may ever be succoured for his sake and at his prayers. Through.

All else as in Common IX, p. 173

NOVEMBER 11

ST. MARTIN, B. C.

The Collect

O God, who seest that of our own strength we cannot stand upright: mercifully grant; at the prayer of blessed Martin, thy Confessor and Bishop, that we may be defended against all adversities. Through.

The Epistle as in Common VI, p. 168

The Gospel, St. Luke xi: 33

At that time Jesus said to his disciples, No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light. The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

The Post Communion as in Common VI, p. 168

NOVEMBER 13

ST. BRITIUS, B. C.

The Collect

We beseech thee, O Lord, at the intercession of

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blessed Britius, thy Confessor and Bishop, to keep thy people that trust in thy love: that for his prayers we may be meet to have fellowship in the joys of heaven. Through.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

NOVEMBER 14

BESTOWAL OF THE AMERICAN EPISCOPATE*

The Collect

Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and didst charge them to feed thy flock: give grace, we beseech thee; to all Bishops, the Pastors of thy Church, that they may diligently preach thy Word, and duly administer the godly Discipline thereof; and grant to the people, that they may obediently follow the same; that all may receive the crown of everlasting glory. Through.

The Epistle as on Rogation Wednesday, p. 64

The Gospel, St. John xxi: 15

Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto

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him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

The Post Communion

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone: grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee. Through.

NOVEMBER 15

ST. GERTRUDE, V.

The Collect

O God, who madest thyself a joyful habitation in the pure heart of blessed Gertrude thy Virgin: mercifully purge our hearts from sin through her merits and prayers, and make them worthy the indwelling of thy divine Majesty. Through.

All else as in Common XI, p. 176

ST. MACHUTUS, B. C.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God: who didst endue blessed Machutus, thy Confessor and Bishop, with the grace of fortitude, and didst receive him this day into the glory of heaven, hear the prayers of thy people. Through.

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NOVEMBER 16

ST. EDMUND RICH., B. C.

The Collect

O God, who according to the counsel of thy good pleasure, hast adorned thy Church with the glorious deeds and life of blessed Edmund, thy Confessor and Bishop, and hast made it glad by his wonderful miracles: favourably grant unto us thy servants; that after his example we may amend our lives, and by his prayers be protected from all adversities. Through.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

NOVEMBER 17

ST. HUGH, B. C.

The Collect

O God, who didst eminently adorn blessed Hugh, thy Confessor and Bishop, with the excellency of his good deeds and renowned miracles: mercifully grant; that the brightness of his virtues may stir us up to an imitation of his actions. Through.

All else as in Common VI, p. 168

ST. GREGORY THAUMATURGUS, B. C.

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that the reverend solemnity of blessed Gregory, thy Confessor and Bishop, may both increase our devotion, and also advance our salvation. Through.

The Epistle and Gospel as in Common VI, p. 168

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The Post Communion

O God, the rewarder of faithful souls, grant that through the prayers of blessed Gregory, thy Confessor and Bishop, whose solemn feast we celebrate, we may obtain pardon of our sins. Through.

NOVEMBER 19

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, W.

The Collect

O merciful God, enlighten the hearts of thy faithful people: and as thou didst teach the blessed Elizabeth in a short time to fulfil a long time; so do thou grant that we may excel rather in good works than in length of days. Through.

All else as in Common XIII, p. 178

NOVEMBER 20

ST. EDMUND, K. M.

The Collect

O God of unspeakable mercy, who didst give grace unto the most blessed King Edmund to overcome his enemy by dying for thy Name: mercifully grant to this thy family; that through his intercession they may be enabled to mortify and kill the incitement of their ancient enemy within them. Through.

All else as in Common IV, p. 165

NOVEMBER 21

PRESENTATION B. V. M.

The Collect

O God, who didst will that blessed Mary, ever-Vir-

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gin, the tabernacle of the Holy Ghost, should as on this day be presented in the temple: grant, we beseech thee, at her intercession; that we may be counted worthy to be presented in the temple of thy glory. Through.

All else as in the Votive Mass B. V. M. from Purification to Advent, p. 200

NOVEMBER 22

ST. CECILIA, V. M.

The Collect

O God, who makest us glad by the yearly festival of blessed Cecilia, thy Virgin and Martyr: grant that while we venerate her memory with our holy service, we may follow the example of her holy life and conversation. Through.

All else as in Common X, p. 174

NOVEMBER 23

ST. CLEMENT, B. M.

The Collect

O God, who by the yearly solemnity of blessed Clement, thy Martyr and Bishop, rejoicest the hearts of thy faithful people: mercifully grant; that we who celebrate his birthday may likewise imitate his fortitude in suffering. Through.

The Epistle, Phil. iii: 17

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose

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God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they may be of the same mind in the Lord. And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.

The Gospel as in Common IV, p. 163

The Post Communion

Grant, O Lord our God, unto us who have been satisfied with the Sacrifice of thy Sacred Body and thy Precious Blood, that what we offer here in pious devotion may, by the prayers of blessed Clement, become unto us a sure pledge of our redemption. Through.

NOVEMBER 24

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, C.

The Collect

O God, who didst make Saint John, thy Confessor, to become a great lover of self-denial and of the Cross: grant that we ever following his example; may at length attain to everlasting glory. Through.

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NOVEMBER 25

ST. KATHARINE, V. M.

The Collect

O God, who didst give the law of Moses on the top of Mount Sinai, and by thy holy Angels didst wonderfully convey the body of blessed Katharine, thy Virgin and Martyr, to the same place: grant, we beseech thee; that for her sake and at her intercession we may be enabled to reach that mount which is Christ. Who liveth.

All else as in Common X, p. 174

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THE ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER OR

HOLY COMMUNION

¶*If among those who come to be partakers of the Holy Communion, the Minister shall know any to be an open and notorious evil liver, or to have done any wrong to his neighbours by word or deed, so that the Congregation be thereby offended; he shall advertise him, that he presume not to come to the Lord's Table, until he have openly declared himself to have truly repented and amended his former evil life, that the Congregation may thereby be satisfied; and that he hath recompensed the parties to whom he hath done wrong; or at least declare himself to be in full purpose so to do, as soon as he conveniently may.*

¶*The same order shall the Minister use with those, betwixt whom he perceiveth malice and hatred to reign; not suffering them to be partakers of the Lord's Table, until he know them to be reconciled. And if one of the parties, so at variance, be content to forgive from the bottom of his heart all that the other hath trespassed against him, and to make amends for that wherein he himself hath offended; and the other party will not be persuaded to a godly unity, but remain still in his frowardness and malice; the Minister in that case ought to admit the penitent person to the Holy Communion, and not him that is obstinate.* Provided, *That every Minister so repelling any, as is herein specified, shall be obliged to give an account of the same to the Ordinary, within fourteen days after, at the farthest.*

¶*The Table, at the Communion-time having a fair white linen cloth upon it, shall stand in the body of the Church, or in the Chancel. And the Minister, standing at the right side of the Table, or where Morning and Evening Prayer are appointed to be said, shall say the* Lord's Prayer *and the* Collect *following, the People kneeling; but the Lord's Prayer may be omitted, if Morning Prayer hath been said immediately before.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid;

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Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶*Then shall the Minister, turning to the People, rehearse distinctly* THE TEN COMMANDMENTS; *and the People, still kneeling, shall, after every Commandment, ask God mercy for their transgressions for the time past, and grace to keep the law for the time to come.*

¶*The Decalogue may be omitted, provided it be said once on each Sunday. But* Note, *That whenever it is omitted, the Minister shall say the* Summary of the Law, *beginning,* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

Minister.

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God; Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and show mercy unto thousands in them that love me and keep my commandments.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his Name in vain.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that

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thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work; thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt do no murder.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not steal.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

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People. **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

¶ *Then the Minister may say,*

Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

¶ *Here, if the Decalogue hath been omitted, shall be said,*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then the Minister may say,*

Let us pray.

O Almighty Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be said the* COLLECT OF THE DAY. *And immediately after the Collect the Minister shall read the* EPISTLE, *saying,* The Epistle [*or* The portion of Scripture appointed for the Epistle] is written in the —Chapter of—, beginning at the—Verse. *And the Epistle ended, he shall say,* Here endeth the Epistle. *Then, the People all standing up, shall he read the* GOSPEL, *saying,* The Holy Gospel is written in the — Chapter of ——, beginning at the — Verse.

¶ *Here shall be said or sung,*

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

¶ *Then shall be said the* Creed *commonly called the* Nicene, *or else the* Apostles' Creed; *but the Creed may be omitted, if it hath been said immediately before in Morning Prayer;* Provided, *That the Nicene Creed shall be said on Christmas-day, Easter-day, Ascension-day, Whitsunday, and Trinity-Sunday.*

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I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

¶*Then the Minister shall declare unto the People what Holy-days, or Fasting-days, are in the week following to be observed; and (if occasion be) shall Notice be given of the Communion, and of the Banns of Matrimony, and other matters to be published.*

¶*Then shall follow the Sermon. After which, the Minister, when there is a Communion, shall return to the Lord's Table, and begin the Offertory, saying one or more of these* Sentences *following, as he thinketh most convenient. And* Note, *That these Sentences may be used on any other occasion of Public Worship, when the alms of the People are to be received.*

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he

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said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. *Acts* xx. 35.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *St. Matt.* v. 16.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. *St. Matt.* vi. 19, 20.

Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, even so do to them: for this is the law and the prophets. *St. Matt.* vii. 12.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. *St. Matt.* vii. 21.

Zacchæus stood forth, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have done any wrong to any man, I restore fourfold. *St. Luke* xix. 8.

Who goeth a warfare at any time of his own cost? Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? Or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? 1 *Cor.* ix. 7.

If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your worldly things? 1 *Cor.* ix. 11.

Do ye not know, that they who minister about holy things live of the sacrifice; and they who wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the

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Lord also ordained, that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel. 1 *Cor.* ix. 13, 14.

He that soweth little shall reap little; and he that soweth plenteously shall reap plenteously. Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 *Cor.* ix. 6, 7.

Let him that is taught in the Word minister unto him that teacheth, in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap. *Gal.* vi. 6, 7.

While we have time, let us do good unto all men; and especially unto them that are of the household of faith. *Gal.* vi. 10.

Godliness is great riches, if a man be content with that he hath: for we brought nothing into this world, neither may we carry any thing out. 1 *Tim.* vi. 6, 7.

Charge them who are rich in this world, that they be ready to give, and glad to distribute; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may attain eternal life. 1 *Tim.* vi. 17, 18, 19.

God is not unrighteous, that he will forget your works, and labour that proceedeth of love; which love ye have showed for his Name's sake, who have ministered unto the saints, and yet do minister. *Heb.* vi. 10.

To do good, and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. *Heb.* xiii. 16.

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 1 *St. John* iii. 17.

Give alms of thy goods, and never turn thy face from

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any poor man; and then the face of the Lord shall not not be turned away from thee. *Tobit* iv. 7.

Be merciful after thy power. If thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little: for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity. *Tobit* iv. 8, 9.

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord: and look, what he layeth out, it shall be paid him again. *Prov.* xix. 17.

Blessed be the man that provideth for the sick and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble. *Psalm* xli. 1.

Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering; of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. *Exod.* xxv. 2.

Ye shall not appear before the Lord empty; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee. *Deut.* xvi. 16, 17.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. 1 *Chron.* xxix. 11.

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. 1 *Chron.* xxix. 14.

¶*Whilst these Sentences are in reading, the Deacons, Church-wardens, or other fit persons appointed for that purpose, shall receive the Alms for the Poor, and other Devotions of the People, in a decent Basin to be provided by the Parish for that purpose; and reverently bring it to the Priest, who shall humbly present and place it upon the Holy Table.*

¶*And the Priest shall then place upon the Table so much Bread and Wine as he shall think sufficient.*

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¶*And when the Alms and Oblations are presented, there may be sung a Hymn, or an Offertory Anthem in the words of Holy Scripture or of the Book of Common Prayer, under the direction of the Minister.*

¶*Then shall the Priest say,*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully [**to accept our alms and oblations, and*] to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need,

**If there be no alms or oblations, then shall the words* [to accept our alms and oblations, and] *be left unsaid.*

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sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

¶*At the time of the Celebration of the Communion, the Priest shall say this* Exhortation. *But* Note, *That the Exhortation may be omitted if it hath been already said on one Lord's Day in that same month.*

Dearly beloved in the Lord, ye who mind to come to the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ, must consider how Saint Paul exhorteth all persons diligently to try and examine themselves, before they presume to eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. For as the benefit is great, if with a true penitent heart and lively faith we receive that holy Sacrament; so is the danger great, if we receive the same unworthily. Judge therefore yourselves, brethren, that ye be not judged of the Lord; repent you truly for your sins past; have a lively and stedfast faith in Christ our Saviour; amend your lives, and be in perfect charity with all men; so shall ye be meet partakers of those holy mysteries. And above all things ye must give most humble and hearty thanks to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and man; who did humble himself, even to the death upon the Cross, for us, miserable sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death; that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. And to the end that we should

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always remember the exceeding great love of our Master, and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which by his precious blood-shedding he hath obtained for us; he hath instituted and ordained holy mysteries, as pledges of his love, and for a continual remmbrance of his death, to our great and endless comfort. To him therefore, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, let us give (as we are most bounden) continual thanks; submitting ourselves wholly to his holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve him in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. *Amen.*

¶*Then shall the Priest say to those who come to receive the Holy Communion,*

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

¶*Then shall this* General Confession *be made, by the Priest and all those who are minded to receive the Holy Communion, humbly kneeling.*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remem-

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brance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶*Then shall the Priest (the Bishop if he be present) stand up, and turning to the People, say,*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶*Then shall the Priest say,*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matt.* xi. 28.

So God loved the world,that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John* iii. 16.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 *Tim.* i. 15.

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Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. 1 *St. John* ii. 1, 2.

¶*After which the Priest shall proceed, saying,*

Lift up your hearts.
Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.
Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

¶*Then shall the Priest turn to the Lord's Table, and say,*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, [*Holy Father,] Almighty, Everlasting God.

**These words* [Holy Father] *must be omitted on* Trinity-Sunday.

¶ *Here shall follow the* PROPER PREFACE, *according to the time, if there be any specially appointed; or else immediately shall be said or sung by the Priest,*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

¶*Priest and People.*

PROPER PREFACES.

Upon Christmas-day, *and seven days after.*

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born as at this time for us; who, by the opera-

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tion of the Holy Ghost, was made very man, of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with Angels, *etc.*

Upon Easter-day, *and seven days after.*

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels, *etc.*

Upon Ascension-day, *and seven days after.*

Through thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who, after his most glorious Resurrection, manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory. Therefore with Angels, *etc.*

Upon Whitsunday, *and six days after.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from heaven, with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them all to all truth; giving them both the gift of divers languages, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error

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into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ. Therefore with Angels, *etc.*

Upon the Feast of Trinity *only, may be said,*

Who art one God, one Lord; not one only Person, but three Persons in one Substance. For that which we believe of the glory of the Father, the same we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or inequality. Therefore with Angels, *etc.*

¶*Or else this may be said, the words* [Holy Father] *being retained in the introductory Address.*

For the precious death and merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and for the sending to us of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; who are one with thee in thy Eternal Godhead. Therefore with Angels, *etc.*

¶*Then shall the Priest, kneeling down at the Lord's Table, say, in the name of all those who shall receive the Communion, this Prayer following.*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

¶*When the Priest, standing before the Table, hath so ordered the Bread and Wine, that he may with the more readiness and decency break the Bread before the People, and take the Cup into his hands, he shall say the* Prayer of Consecration, *as followeth.*

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All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, (*a*) he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, (*b*) he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, (*c*) this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, (*d*) he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for (*e*) this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

(a) *Here the Priest is to take the Paten into his hands.*

(b) *And here to break the Bread.*

(c) *And here to lay his hand upon all the Bread.*

(d) *Here he is to take the Cup into his hands.*

(e) *And here he is to lay his hand upon every vessel in which there is any Wine to be consecrated.*

The Oblation.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty

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thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

The Invocation.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounded duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen*

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¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn.*

¶*Then shall the Priest first receive the Holy Communion in both kinds himself, and proceed to deliver the same to the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, in like manner, (if any be present,) and, after that, to the People also in order, into their hands, all devoutly kneeling. And sufficient opportunity shall be given to those present to communicate. And when he delivereth the Bread, he shall say,*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

¶*And the Minister who delivereth the Cup shall say,*

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

¶*If the consecrated Bread or Wine be spent before all have communicated, the Priest is to consecrate more, according to the Form before prescribed; beginning at,* All glory be to thee, Almighty God, *and ending with these words,* partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

¶*When all have communicated, the Minister shall return to the Lord's Table, and reverently place upon it what remaineth of the consecrated Elements, covering the same with a fair linen cloth.*

¶*Then shall the Minister say the* Lord's Prayer, *the People repeating after him every Petition.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶*After shall be said as followeth.*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily those thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have

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duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

¶*Then shall be said or sung, all standing,* Gloria in excelsis; *or some proper Hymn from the Selection.*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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¶*Then the Priest (the Bishop if he be present) shall let them depart with this Blessing.*

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

¶Collects *that may be said after the Collects of Morning or Evening Prayer, or Communion, at the discretion of the Minister.*

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech thee to have compassion upon

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our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name; We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Upon the Sundays and other Holy-days, (though there be no Sermon or Communion,) shall be said all that is appointed at the Communion, unto the end of the Gospel, concluding with the Blessing.*

¶ *And if any of the consecrated Bread and Wine remain after the Communion, it shall not be carried out of the Church; but the Minister and other Communicants shall, immediately after the Blessing, reverently eat and drink the same.*

¶ *When the Minister giveth warning for the Celebration of the Holy Communion, (which he shall always do upon the Sunday, or some Holy-day, immediately proceding,) he shall read this* Exhortation *following; or so much thereof as, in his discretion, he may think convenient.*

Dearly beloved, on ---- day next I purpose, through God's assistance, to administer to all such as shall be religiously and devoutly disposed the most comfortable Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ; to be by them received in remembrance of his meritorious Cross and Passion; whereby alone we obtain remission of our sins, and are made partakers of the Kingdom of heaven. Wherefore it is our duty to render most humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that he hath given his Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, not only to die for us, but also to

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be our spiritual food and sustenance in that holy Sacrament. Which being so divine and comfortable a thing to them who receive it worthily, and so dangerous to those who will presume to receive it unworthily; my duty is to exhort you, in the mean season to consider the dignity of that holy mystery, and the great peril of the unworthy receiving thereof; and so to search and examine your own consciences, (and that not lightly, and after the manner of dissemblers with God; but so) that ye may come holy and clean to such a heavenly Feast, in the marriage-garment required by God in holy Scripture, and be received as worthy partakers of that holy Table.

The way and means thereto is: First, to examine your lives and conversations by the rule of God's commandments; and whereinsoever ye shall perceive yourselves to have offended, either by will, word, or deed, there to bewail your own sinfulness, and to confess yourselves to Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life. And if ye shall perceive your offences to be such as are not only against God, but also against your neighbours; then ye shall reconcile yourselves unto them; being ready to make restitution and satisfaction, according to the uttermost of your powers, for all injuries and wrongs done by you to any other; and being likewise ready to forgive others who have offended you, as ye would have forgiveness of your offences at God's hand: for otherwise the receiving of the holy Communion doth nothing else but increase your condemnation. Therefore, if any of you be a blasphemer of God, an hinderer or slanderer of his Word, an adulterer, or be in malice, or envy, or in any other

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grievous crime; repent you of your sins, or else come not to that holy Table.

And because it is requisite that no man should come to the holy Communion, but with a full trust in God's mercy, and with a quiet conscience; therefore, if there be any of you, who by this means cannot quiet his own conscience herein, but requireth further comfort or counsel, let him come to me, or to some other Minister of God's Word, and open his grief; that he may receive such godly counsel and advice, as may tend to the quieting of his conscience and the removing of all scruple and doubtfulness.

¶*Or, in case he shall see the People negligent to come to the Holy Communion instead of the former, he shall use this* Exhortation.

Dearly beloved brethren, on ------I intend, by God's grace, to celebrate the Lord's Supper: unto which, in God's behalf, I bid you all who are here present; and beseech you, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, that ye will not refuse to come thereto, being so lovingly called and bidden by God himself. Ye know how grievous and unkind a thing it is, when a man hath prepared a rich feast, decked his table with all kind of provision, so that there lacketh nothing but the guests to sit down; and yet they who are called (without any cause) most unthankfully refuse to come. Which of you in such a case would not be moved? Who would not think a great injury and wrong done unto him? Wherefore, most dearly beloved in Christ, take ye good heed, lest ye, withdrawing yourselves from this holy Supper, provoke God's indignation against you. It is an easy matter for a man to say, I will not communicate, because I am otherwise hindered with worldly

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business. But such excuses are not so easily accepted and allowed before God. If any man say, I am a grievous sinner, and therefore am afraid to come: wherefore then do ye not repent and amend? When God calleth you, are ye not ashamed to say ye will not come? When ye should return to God, will ye excuse yourselves, and say ye are not ready? Consider earnestly with yourselves how little such feigned excuses will avail before God. Those who refused the feast in the Gospel, because they had bought a farm, or would try their yokes of oxen or because they were married, were not so excused, but counted unworthy of the heavenly feast. Wherefore, according to mine office, I bid you in the Name of God, I call you in Christ's behalf, I exhort you, as ye love your own salvation, that ye will be partakers of this holy Communion. And as the Son of God did vouchsafe to yield up his soul by death upon the Cross for your salvation; so it is your duty to receive the Communion in remembrance of the sacrifice of his death, as he himself hath commanded: which if ye shall neglect to do, consider with yourselves how great is your ingratitude to God, and how sore punishment hangeth over your heads for the same; when ye wilfully abstain from the Lord's Table, and separate from your brethren, who come to feed on the banquet of that most heavenly food. These things if ye earnestly consider, ye will by God's grace return to a better mind: for the obtaining whereof we shall not cease to make our humble petitions unto Almighty God, our heavenly Father.

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THE COMMON OF SAINTS

I. COMMON OF VIGILS OF APOSTLES

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God: that the reverend solemnity of blessed N. . . . thine Apostle [and Evangelist,] to which we are now coming, may both increase our devotion and also advance our salvation. Through.

For the Epistle, Ecclus. xliv: 22

The blessing of the Lord was upon the head of the righteous. Therefore the Lord gave him an heritage, and divided his portion among the twelve tribes: and he found favour in the sight of all flesh. And he magnified him, so that his enemies stood in fear of him. By his words he caused the wonders to cease, he made him glorious in the sight of kings, and gave him a commandment for his people, and shewed him part of his glory. He sanctified him in his faithfulness and meekness, and chose him out of all men. He gave him commandments before his face, even the law of life and knowledge, and exalted him. An everlasting covenant he made with him; the Lord beautified him with comely ornaments, and clothed him with a robe of glory.

The Gospel, St. John xv: 12

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have

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loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

The Post Communion

O Lord, forasmuch as thou hast showed thy favour unto thy people through the prayers of thy holy Apostle [and Evangelist] grant unto us both pardon and everlasting salvation. Through.

II. COMMON OF MARTYR IN EASTER-TIDE

The Collect for a Bishop and Martyr

Almighty God, mercifully look upon our infirmities: and because we are oppressed by the burden of our own deeds, may the glorious intercession of blessed N...., thy Martyr and Bishop defend us. Through.

Collect for a Martyr only, in Easter-tide

Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God: that as we celebrate the birthday of blessed N.....thy Martyr, so by his intercession we may be strengthened in the love of thy Name. Through.

For the Epistle, Wisdom v: 1

Then shall the righteous man stand in great boldness before the face as such as have afflicted him, and made no account of his labours. When they see it,

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they shall be troubled with terrible fear, and shall be amazed at the strangeness of his salvation, so far beyond all that they looked for. And they repenting and groaning for anguish of spirit shall say within themselves, This was he, whom we had sometimes in derision, and a proverb of reproach: we fools accounted his life madness, and his end to be without honour: how is he numbered among the children of God, and his lot is among the saints!

The Gospel, St. John xv: 1

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

The Post Communion

Refreshed by participation in the sacred Gift, we beseech thee, O Lord our God, that through the intercession of blessed N.....thy Martyr [and Bishop] we may ever enjoy the fruits of the worship we offer unto thee. Through.

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III. COMMON OF MANY MARTYRS IN EASTER-TIDE

The Collects in Common V, p. 166

The Epistle, 1 St. Peter i: 3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel, St. John xv: 5

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and

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abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

The Post Communion for Martyrs and Bishops

We beseech thee, O Lord, that we being satisfied with the mysteries of salvation, may be helped by the prayers of those whose festival we celebrate. Through.

For Martyrs not Bishops

Grant us, we beseech thee, O Lord, by the intercession of thy holy Martyrs N. and N. that what we taste with our lips we may receive with a pure heart. Through.

IV. COMMON OF ONE MARTYR OUT OF EASTER-TIDE

Collect for a Bishop and Martyr

Almighty God, mercifully look upon our infirmities: and because we are oppressed by the burden of our own deeds, may the glorious intercession of blessed N....., thy Martyr and Bishop, defend us. Through.

The Epistle, St. James i: 12

Dearly beloved, blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every

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good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

The Gospel, St. Luke xiv: 26

At that time, Jesus said to the multitudes, If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

The Post Communion

Refreshed by participation of the sacred Gift, we beseech thee, O Lord our God, that through the intercession of blessed N.....Thy Martyr and Bishop, we may ever enjoy the fruits of the worship we offer unto thee. Through.

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Collect for a Martyr not a Bishop

Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God: that as we celebrate the birthday of blessed N....., thy Martyr, so by his intercession we may be strengthened in the love of thy Name. Through.

For the Epistle, Wis. x: 10

Wisdom guided the righteous in right paths, and shewed him the kingdom of God, and gave him knowledge of holy things, made him rich in his travails, and multiplied the fruit of his labours. In the covetousness of such as oppressed him she stood by him, and made him rich. She defended him from his enemies, and kept him safe from those that lay in wait, and in a sore conflict she gave him the victory; that he might know that godliness is stronger than all. When the righteous was sold, she forsook him not: she went down with him into the pit, and left him not in bonds, till she brought him the sceptre of the kingdom, and power against those that oppressed him: as for them that had accused him, she shewed them to be liars, and gave him perpetual glory.

The Gospel, St. Matt. x: 34

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And

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he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

The Post Communion

Grant we beseech thee, O Lord our God, that we who in this life joyfully assist in the commemoration of thy saints may hereafter rejoice in beholding them forever in heaven. Through.

V. COMMON OF MANY MARTYRS OUT OF EASTER-TIDE

Collect for Many Martyrs, Bishops

We beseech thee, O Lord, let the festival of thy blessed Martyrs, and also Bishops N. and N., support us: and their reverend prayer obtain for us thy favour. Through.

Collect for Many Martyrs not Bishops

O God, who dost suffer us to celebrate the birthday of thy holy Martyrs N..... and N.....: grant us to rejoice in their eternal and blessed fellowship. Through.

For the Epistle, Wis. iii: 1

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,

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and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for himself. As gold in the furnace hath he tried them, and received them as a burnt offering. And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign for ever.

The Gospel, St. Luke xxi: 9

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, When ye shall hear of wars and commotions be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by. Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. And it shall turn to you for a testimony. Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and

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kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. But there shall not an hair of your head perish. In your patience possess ye your souls.

The Post Communion for Many Martyrs, Bishops

We beseech thee, O Lord, that we being satisfied with the Mysteries of salvation, may be helped by the prayers of those whose festival we celebrate. Through.

For Many Martyrs, not Bishops

Grant us, we beseech thee, O Lord, by the intercession of thy holy martyrs, N.... and N..... that what we taste with our lips we may receive with a pure heart. Through.

VI. COMMON OF A CONFESSOR AND BISHOP

The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that the reverend solemnity of blessed N..... thy Confessor and Bishop, may both increase our devotion, and also advance our salvation. Through.

For the Epistle, Ecclus. xliv: 17

Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God, and was found righteous: and in the time of wrath he was taken in exchange for the world.// In glory was there none like unto him; who kept the law of the most High. Therefore he assured him by an oath, that he would bless the nations in his seed. With him did he establish the blessing of all men, and the covenant,

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and made it to rest upon his head. He acknowledged him in his blessing, and he brought out of him a merciful man, which found favour in the sight of all flesh. He made him glorious in the sight of kings, and shewed him part of his glory. An everlasting covenant he made with him, and gave him the priesthood, and beautified him with comely ornaments: to execute the office of the priesthood, and bless the people in his name, and to offer to the Lord incense, and a sweet savour for his people.

The Gospel, St. Matthew xxv: 14

At that time, Jesus spake this parable to his disciples, The kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord,

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thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

The Post Communion

Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, that we who yield thee thanks and praise for the Gifts we have received at the intercession of blessed N.....thy Confessor and Bishop, may be made partakers of still more gracious blessings. Through.

VII. COMMON OF DOCTORS

The Collect

O God, who didst give blessed N.....to thy people to be a minister of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech thee; that as he has been the instructor of our life here upon earth, he may be our intercessor in heaven. Through.

The Epistle, 2 St. Tim. iv: 1

Dearly beloved, I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make

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full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

The Gospel, St. Matt. v: 13

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to desstroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

The Post Communion

We beseech thee, O Lord, that through the prayers of blessed N.... thy illustrious Doctor, thy sacrifice may be unto us for healing and salvation. Through.

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VIII. COMMON OF A CONFESSOR NOT A BISHOP

The Collect

O God, who makest us glad by the yearly festival of thy blessed Confessor N....: mercifully grant; that as we celebrate his birthday, so we may imitate his actions. Through.

For the Epistle, Ecclus. xxxi: 8

Blessed is the man that is found without blemish, and hath not gone after gold. Who is he? and we will call him blessed: for wonderful things hath he done among his people. Who hath been tried thereby, and found perfect? then let him glory. Who might offend, and hath not offended? or done evil, and hath not done it? His goods shall be established, and the congregation shall declare his alms.

The Gospel, St. Luke xii: 35

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready

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also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

The Post Communion

We, beseech thee O our God, that we thy suppliants, who are refreshed with heavenly food and drink, may be fortified by the prayers of him in whose commemoration we have received these thy holy Gifts. Through.

IX. COMMON OF ABBOTS AND MONKS

The Collect

Let the intercession, O Lord, we beseech thee, of blessed N., Abbot, obtain for us thy favour: that those things which of our own worthiness we cannot attain, may at his intercession be granted unto us. Through.

For the Epistle, Ecclus. xlv: 1

He was beloved of God and men, whose memorial is blessed. He made him like to the glorious saints, and magnified him, so that his enemies stood in fear of him. By his words he caused the wonders to cease, and he made him glorious in the sight of kings, and gave him a commandment for his people, and shewed him part of his glory. He sanctified him in his faithfulness and meekness, and chose him out of all men. He made him to hear his voice, and brought him into the dark cloud, and gave him commandments before his face, even the law of life and knowledge.

The Gospel, St. Matt. xix: 27

At that time, Peter said unto Jesus, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the re-

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generation when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

The Post Communion

Grant O Lord, that we receiving thy Sacrament may rejoice in the protecting prayers of thy holy Abbot N., and may both follow the standard of his holy conversation and be made partakers of the grace of his intercession. Through.

X. COMMON OF A VIRGIN-MARTYR

The Collect

O God, who amongst other miracles of thy power, hast bestowed the victory of martyrdom on the weaker sex: mercifully grant; that as we do devoutly celebrate the birthday of blessed N., thy Virgin and Martyr, so we may, by following her example, walk in the way that leadeth unto thee. Through.

For the Epistle, Ecclus. li: 1

I will thank thee, O Lord and King, and praise thee, O God my Saviour: I do give praise unto thy name: for thou art my defender and helper, and hast preserved my body from destruction, and from the snare of the slanderous tongue, and from the lips that forge lies, and hast been mine helper against mine adversaries: and hast delivered me, according to the multitude of thy mercies and greatness of thy name, from

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the teeth of them that were ready to devour me, and out of the hands of such as sought after my life, and from the manifold afflictions which I had; from the choking of fire on every side, and from the midst of the fire which I kindled not; from the depth of the belly of hell, from an unclean tongue, and from lying words. By an accusation to the king from an unrighteous tongue my soul drew near even unto death, my life was near to the hell beneath. They compassed me on every side, and there was no man to help me: I looked for the succour of men, but there was none. Then thought I upon thy mercy, O Lord, and upon thy acts of old, how thou deliverest such as wait for thee, and savest them out of the hands of the enemies.

The Gospel, St. Matthew xxv: 1

At that time, Jesus spake this parable to his disciples: Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage:

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and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour.

The Post Communion

May the Mysteries we have received help us, O Lord, and by the intercession of blessed N.....thy Virgin and Martyr, may they cause us to rejoice in thy everlasting protection. Through.

XI. COMMON OF A VIRGIN NOT A MARTYR

The Collect

Hear us, O God, our Salvation: that like as we do rejoice in the festival of blessed N....., thy Virgin, so in the feelings of love and devotion we may be instructed. Through.

The Epistle, 2 Cor. x: 17

Brethren, he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth. Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

The Gospel, as in Common X, p. 175

The Post Communion

O Lord, who hast abundantly refreshed thy household with thy sacred Gifts; ever comfort us, we beseech

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thee, through her intercession whose festival we celebrate. Through.

XII. COMMON OF HOLY WOMEN, MARTYRS, NOT VIRGINS

The Collect

O God, who amongst other miracles of thy power hast bestowed the victory of martyrdom on the weaker sex: mercifully grant; that as we devoutly celebrate the birthday of blessed N..... thy Martyr, so we may by following her example, walk in the way that leadeth unto thee. Through.

The Epistle, as in Common X, p. 174

The Gospel, St. Matt. xiii: 44

At that time, Jesus spake to his disciples in parables, saying: The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto

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him, Yea, Lord. Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

The Post Communion

May the Mysteries we have received aid us, O Lord, and by the intercession of blessed N.....thy Martyr, make us to rejoice in thy everlasting protection. Through.

XIII. COMMON OF HOLY WOMEN, NEITHER VIRGINS NOR MARTYRS

The Collect

Hear us, O God, our Salvation: that like as we do rejoice in the festival of blessed N.... , so in the feelings of love and devotion we may be instructed. Through.

For the Epistle, Prov. xxxi: 10

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength,and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

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She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

The Gospel, as in Common XII, p. 177

The Post Communion

O Lord, who hast abundantly refreshed Thy household with thy sacred Gifts; ever comfort us, we beseech Thee, through her intercession whose festival we celebrate. Through.

THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

The Collect

O God, who year by year restorest to us the day of

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the consecration of this thy holy temple, and dost suffer us continually to present ourselves in safety at thy holy Mysteries: hear the prayers of thy people and grant; that whosoever shall enter this temple to ask thy blessing, may rejoice in that he has gained all his petitions. Through.

For the Epistle, Rev. xxi: 2

In those days, I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

The Gospel, St. Luke xix: 1

At that time, Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. And, behold, there was a man named Zacchæus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchæus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.

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And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. And Zacchæus stood and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

The Post Communion

O God, who from living and elect stones dost prepare for thy majesty an habitation in the heavens, help thy people who call upon thee, so that what is profitable to thy Church in temporal growth, may be accompanied by an increase of that which is spiritual. Through.

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MASSES FOR THE DEPARTED

THE COLLECTS

On All Souls' Day and for the Faithful Departed

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all them that believe, grant unto the souls of thy servants and handmaids the remission of all their sins: that through devout supplications they may obtain the pardon they have always desired. Who livest.

On or before the day of Burial

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions for the soul of thy servant, N....., which thou hast commanded to pass out of this world: deliver it not into the hands of the enemy, neither forget it at the last, but command it to be received by thy Holy Angels, and to be carried into the land of the living; and, forasmuch as it hoped and believed in thee, let it be counted worthy to rejoice in the fellowship of thy Saints. Through.

On the 3rd, 7th, and 30th days after Burial

We beseech thee, O Lord, that thou wouldest vouchsafe to grant to the soul of thy servant N...., the third (*or* seventh, *or* thirtieth) day after whose burial we commemorate, the society of thy saints and elect, and wouldest pour down upon it the everlasting dew of Thy mercy. Through.

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On Anniversaries

O God, the Lord of forgiveness, grant unto the soul of thy servant N...., the anniversary of whose burial we have in remembrance, a place of refreshment, the blessedness of rest, and the brightness of thy divine light. Through.

For Bishops

O God, who amongst priests apostolic hast caused thy servants (*or* servant N.,) to be reckoned among those of Episcopal dignity in the Apostolic Ministry, grant, we beseech thee, that *they* may rejoice in the everlasting fellowship in heaven of those whose office *they* bore while on earth. Through.

For a Priest

As for a Bishop, altering the word Episcopal *to* Priestly.

For Brethren, Relations, and Benefactors

O God, the giver of pardon and author of man's salvation: we beseech thy mercy; that thou wouldst grant the brethren, [sisters], kinsfolk, and benefactors, of our congregation, who have passed away from this world, Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, and all thy Saints praying for them, to come to the fellowship of eternal blessedness. Through.

For Father or Mother, or Both

O God, who hast commanded us to honour our father and mother: graciously have mercy upon the soul (*or* souls) of my (*or* our) father (*or* mother *or* parents), and forgive *him* all *his* sins; and grant me (*or* us) to behold *him* in the joy of eternal brightness. Through.

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For a Man

O Lord, incline thine ear to our prayers, we humbly beseech thee, and grant that the soul of thy servant, N., which thou hast commanded to pass out of this world may be placed in the region of peace and light, and make him to be a partaker with thy Saints. Through.

For a Woman

We beseech thee, O Lord, according to thy loving-kindness, have mercy upon the soul of thy handmaid N., and, now, that she is set free from contact with mortal flesh, restore her to a portion in thine eternal salvation. Through.

EPISTLES

For all the Faithful Departed

On All Souls' Day, 1 Cor. xv: 51

Brethren, behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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At other Times, Rev. xiv: 13

In those days, I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

On or before the Day of Burial and on the 3rd, 7th, and 30th Days after Burial
1 Thes. iv: 13

I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we be ever with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

On Anniversaries, 2 Mac. xii: 43

In those days, Judas, a most noble man, when he had made a gathering throughout the company to the sum of two thousand drachms of silver, sent it to Jerusalem to offer a sin offering, doing therein very well and honestly, in that he was mindful of the resurrection: for if he had not hoped that they that were

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slain should have risen again, it had been superfluous and vain to pray for the dead. And also in that he perceived that there was great favour laid up for those that died godly, it was an holy and good thought. Whereupon he made a reconciliation for the dead, that they might be delivered from sin.

If for a Bishop, I Cor. xv: 51, page 184 as on All Souls' Day. The same may also be used for a Priest.

GOSPELS

On All Souls' Day, St. John v: 25

At that time Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

At other Times, St. John vi: 51

At that time Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews, I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the

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Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

On or before the Day of Burial and on the 3rd, 7th, and 30th Days after Burial, St. John xi: 21

At that time Martha said unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

On Anniversaries, St. John vi: 37

At that time Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews, All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

If for a Bishop, S. John v: 25, page 186 as on All Souls' Day. The same may also be used for a Priest.

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THE POST COMMUNIONS

On All Souls' Day, and for the Faithful Departed

Let the prayers of thy people, O Lord, we beseech thee, be profitable unto the souls of thy servants and handmaids, that thou mayest deliver them from all their sins and make them partakers of thy redemption. Who livest.

On or Before the day of Burial

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the soul of thy servant N., which has departed out of this world, being purified by this Sacrifice and delivered from the bonds of *his* sins, may receive pardon, and everlasting rest. Through.

On the 3rd, 7th, and 30th days after Burial

Receive our prayers, O Lord, for the soul of thy servant N....., that whatsoever stains may remain to it from contact with the world, may, by thy merciful pardon, be done away. Through.

On Anniversaries

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, that the soul of thy servant, the anniversary of whose death we commemorate, being cleansed by this Sacrifice, may obtain pardon and everlasting rest. Through.

For Bishops

Do well, we beseech thee, O Lord, unto the souls of thy servants our Bishops, that by the pitifulness of thy great mercy, they may obtain eternal life with him in whom they hoped and believed. Through.

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For a Priest

As for a Bishop, altering the word Bishop *to* Priest

For Brethren, Relations and Benefactors

Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty and merciful God, that the souls of our brethren, relations, and benefactors, for whom we have offered unto thy majesty this Sacrifice of praise, being purified from all their sins, may by virtue of this same Sacrament, receive the blessedness of perpetual light. Through.

For a Father, or Mother, or Both

O Lord, let the partaking of this heavenly Sacrament obtain everlasting rest and light for the soul (*or* souls) of *my* father (*or* mother *or* parents), and let *me* have, with *him*, through thy grace, a share in the heavenly crown. Through.

For a Man

Absolve, O Lord, we beseech thee, the soul of thy servant, N., from every bond of sin, that he may ever live among thy Saints and elect, in the glory of the resurrection. Through.

For a Woman

We beseech thee, O Lord, that the soul of thy handmaiden may have a part in the eternal light through this Sacrament, which, of thy perpetual mercy, she received while on earth. Through.

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VOTIVE MASSES

VOTIVE MASS OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

(Colour White)

The Collect

Almighty and Everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true Faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: we beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this Faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities. Who livest.

The Epistle, 2 Cor. xiii: 11

Brethren, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

The Gospel, St. John xv: 26

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples, When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh that who-

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soever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them.

The Post Communion

May the partaking of this Sacrament, O Lord our God, together with the confession of our faith in the eternal Trinity and the undivided Unity, profit us for health of body and mind. Through.

When the Votive Mass of the Blessed Trinity or any other is celebrated in thanksgiving to Almighty God, for a deliverance from danger, or for a favour received, the following Collect and Post Communion are said after those proper to the Mass

The Collect

O God, whose mercies are without number, and the store of whose goodness is infinite: we give thanks to thy most gracious majesty for the gifts conferred upon us, ever praying thy clemency; that, as thou dost grant their petitions to them that ask, thou forsake them not, but dispose them for the rewards of the life to come. Through.

The Post Communion

O God, who dost suffer none of them that hope in thee to be afflicted beyond measure, but lendest a loving ear to their prayers, we give thee thanks that thou hast received our petitions and desires, beseeching thee of thy great tenderness that through these things which we have received we may be worthy to be delivered from all adversities. Through.

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VOTIVE MASS OF THE HOLY GHOST

(*Colour Red*)

The Collect

O God, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort. Through.

For the Epistle, Acts viii: 14

In those days, when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (for as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

The Gospel, S. John xiv: 23

At that time Jesus said to his disciples, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto

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you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away and come again unto you. If ye loved me ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do.

The Post Communion

May our hearts be cleansed, O Lord, by the inpouring of the Holy Spirit; and may he render them fruitful by watering them with his heavenly dew. Through.

VOTIVE MASS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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VOTIVE MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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VOTIVE MASS OF THE HOLY CROSS

(*Colour Red*)

The Collect

O God, who was pleased to sanctify the standard of the life-giving Cross with the Precious Blood of thy Only-begotten Son: grant, we beseech thee; that those who rejoice in honouring the Holy Cross may also evermore rejoice in thy protection. Through.

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The Epistle, Phil. ii: 8

Brethren, Christ became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Gospel, St. Matthew xx: 17

At that time, Jesus took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.

The Post Communion

Be thou with us, O Lord our God, and, as thou dost make us joyful in honour of the Holy Cross, defend us also by its perpetual aid. Through.

VOTIVE MASS OF THE PASSION OF OUR BLESSED LORD

(*Colour Violet*)

The Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst descend from heaven to earth from the bosom of the Father, and hast poured out thy Precious Blood for the remission of our sins: we humbly beseech thee; that at the last day we may

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be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive thy gracious invitation: Come ye blessed of my Father. Who livest.

For the Epistle, Zech. xii: 10

Thus said the Lord: I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem. And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered, saith the Lord Almighty.

The Gospel, St. John xix: 28

At that time, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a spunge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus, therefore, had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head and gave up the ghost. The Jews, therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. ¶ Then came the sol-

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diers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true.

The Post Communion

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who didst ascend the gibbet of the cross for the redemption of the world, and didst shed thy Precious Blood for the remission of our sins, grant we beseech thee, that, this earthly life ended, we may joyfully enter the gates of paradise. Who livest.

VOTIVE MASS OF THE B. V. M. IN ADVENT

(*Colour White*)

The Collect

O God, who didst will that at the message of an angel thy Word should take flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: grant that we, thy suppliants, who believe her to be truly the Mother of God, may be helped by her intercession. Through the same.

For the Epistle, Isa. vii: 10

In those days the Lord spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God

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also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

The Gospel, St. Luke i: 26

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary

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said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.

The Post Communion

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts: that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection. Through the same.

VOTIVE MASS OF THE B. V. M. FROM CHRISTMAS TO PURIFICATION

(*Colour White*)

The Collect

O God, who hast bestowed upon mankind the reward of everlasting salvation by the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary: grant, we beseech thee; that we may know that we are aided by the intercession of her, by whom we have been counted worthy to receive the Author of our Life, Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. Who liveth.

The Epistle, St. Titus iii: 4

Dearly beloved, after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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The Gospel, St. Luke ii: 15

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

The Post Communion

May this Communion, O Lord, cleanse us from sin, and, by the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, make us to be partakers of thy heavenly aid. Through.

VOTIVE MASS OF THE B. V. M. PURIFICATION TO ADVENT

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The Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we, thy servants, may rejoice in continual health of body and mind: and that, the glorious and blessed ever-Virgin Mary praying for us, we may be delivered from this present heaviness, and have the fruition of everlasting gladness. Through.

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For the Epistle, Ecclus. xxiv: 9

He created me from the beginning before the world, and I shall never fail. In the holy tabernacle I served before him; and so was I established in Sion. Likewise in the beloved city he gave me rest, and in Jerusalem was my power. And I took root in an honourable people, even in the portion of the Lord's inheritance.

The Gospel, St. Luke xi: 27

In those days, as Jesus spake to the multitude, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

But in Easter-tide the following Gospel is read

St. John xix: 25

At that time there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

The Post Communion

Having received the aids of our everlasting salvation, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we may be everywhere protected by the patronage of blessed Mary,

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ever-Virgin, in veneration of whom we have made these offerings to thy majesty. Through.

VOTIVE MASS OF THE COMPASSION OF THE B. V. M.

as on the Feast, p. 39

VOTIVE MASS OF ST. JOSEPH

(*Colour White*)

The Collect

O God, who, in thy gracious providence, didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of thy most holy Mother: grant, we beseech thee; that we may be worthy to have as our intercessor in heaven him whom we venerate as our protector on earth. Who livest.

For the Epistle, Gen. xlix: 22

Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: the archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: but his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:) even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: the blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

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The Gospel, St. Luke iii: 21

At that time it came to pass, when all the people were baptized, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph.

The Post Communion

Refreshed at the fountain of the divine Gift, we beseech thee, O Lord, our God, that, as thou dost make us to rejoice in the protection of blessed Joseph, so by his merits and intercession, we may become partakers of his heavenly glory. Through.

VOTIVE MASS OF THE HOLY ANGELS

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The Collect

O Everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of angels and men in a wonderful order: mercifully grant; that as thy holy angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth. Through.

For the Epistle, Rev. v: 11

In those days, I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive

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power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

The Gospel, St. John i: 47

At that time, Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

The Post Communion

Filled with heavenly blessing we humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that what we celebrate with our feeble service may be made profitable to us by the assistance of the holy Angels and Archangels. Through.

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VOTIVE MASS IN THE TIME OF ANY NEED

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The Collect

Mercifully show us thy pity, O Lord, that thou mayest pardon us for all our sins and deliver us from the punishment which we most justly have deserved. Through.

For the Epistle, Jer. xiv: 7

O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou it for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee. O the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night? Why shouldest thou be as a man astonied, as a mighty man that cannot save? yet thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not.

The Gospel, St. Mark xi: 22

At that time, Jesus saith unto his disciples, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

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The Post Communion

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, that being purified from all earthly affections, we may proceed to the fulness of the grace of the heavenly Sacrament of whose holiness we have partaken. Through.

VOTIVE MASS FOR USE IN TIME OF WAR

(*Colour Violet*)

The Collect

O God, who makest wars to cease, and dost vanquish by the might of thy strong defence, the foes of those who put their trust in thee: succour us, thy servants, who entreat thy mercy; and break down the cruel power of our enemies, that with unceasing thankfulness we may give praise unto thee. Through.

For the Epistle, Jeremiah xlii: 1

In those days, all the captains of the forces came near and said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Pray for us unto the Lord thy God. And it came to pass after ten days that the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah. Then called he all the captains of the forces that were with him, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, and said unto them, Thus saith the Lord the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to present your supplication before him; If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up: for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you. Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the Lord: for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. And

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I will shew mercies unto you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land.

The Gospel, St. Matt. xxiv: 3

At that time, the disciples came unto Jesus privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.

The Post Communion

O God, the Sovereign Lord of kingdoms and of kings, who in chastising dost heal, and in forgiving dost save: show forth thy mercy, and restore to us the quiet times of peace, that we may serve thee in holiness and amendment of life. Through.

VOTIVE MASS FOR PEACE

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The Collect

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and

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also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness. Through.

For the Epistle, 2 Maccabees i: 1

The brethren, the Jews that be at Jerusalem and in the land of Judea, wish unto the brethren, the Jews that are throughout Egypt, health and peace: God be gracious unto you, and remember his covenant that he made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, his faithful servants; and give you all an heart to serve him, and to do his will, with a good courage and a willing mind; and open your hearts in his law and commandments, and send you peace, and hear your prayers, and be at one with you, and never forsake you in time of trouble.

The Gospel, St. John xx: 19

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

The Post Communion

O God, the author and lover of peace, whom to know

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is to live, and to serve is to reign, protect thy suppliants from all assaults, that we, who trust in thy defence, may fear no armed hostility. Through.

VOTIVE MASS IN TIME OF PESTILENCE

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The Collect

O God, who desirest not the death of sinners, but their repentance: look mercifully upon thy people when they turn unto thee; that, while they show devotion to thee, thou mayest turn away from them the scourges of thine anger. Through.

For the Epistle, 2 Samuel xxiv: 15

In those days, the Lord sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy thousand men. And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the Lord was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite. And David spake unto the Lord when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house. And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the Lord in the threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite. And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the Lord commanded. And David built there an altar unto the

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Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

The Gospel, St. Luke iv: 38

In those days Jesus arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her. And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them. Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ. And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not depart from them. And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent. And he preached in the synagogues of Galilee.

The Post Communion

Hearken unto us, O God, our Saviour, and, freeing thy people from the terrors of thy wrath, secure them evermore in the gift of thy mercy. Through.

VOTIVE MASS FOR THE SICK

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The Collect

O Almighty and everlasting God, the eternal sal-

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vation of them that believe: hear our prayers for thy sick servants for whom we implore thy mercy; that with restored health they may render thee thanks in thy Church. Through.

The Epistle, St. James v: 13

Dearly beloved, is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.

The Gospel, St. Matthew viii: 5

At that time, when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east

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and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

The Post Communion

O God, the sole defence of human infirmity, show forth thy power upon thy sick servants that, being assisted by the help of thy mercy, they may be found worthy to be brought back in health to thy holy Church. Through.

But if the Mass is offered up for a sick person who is near death, the Collect, and the Post Communion are as follows:

The Collect

Almighty and merciful God, who hast given to mankind both the remedies of salvation and the rewards of everlasting life: mercifully look upon thy servant who is suffering from bodily infirmity, and strengthen the soul thou hast created, that in the hour of its going forth it may be counted worthy to be presented without stain of sin to thee, its Creator, by the hands of the holy angels. Through.

The Post Communion

We beseech thy clemency, O almighty God, that by the virtue of this Sacrament thou wouldest vouchsafe to confirm thy servant with thy grace, that in the hour of *his* death the adversary may not prevail against

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him, but that *he* may be found worthy to enjoy the companionship of thy blessed angels in *his* passage to eternal life. Through.

THE NUPTIAL MASS

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The Collect

Graciously hear us, almighty and merciful God, that what is accomplished by our ministry may be perfected by thy blessing. Through.

The Epistle, Eph. v: 22

Brethren, let wives submit themselves unto their own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: for we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ

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and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

The Gospel, St. Matt. xix: 3

At that time, the Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

After the secret Our Father *after the Consecration the priest, before continuing the Mass, proceeds one step to the Epistle side of the altar, and turning toward the bridegroom and bride, who are kneeling at the altar steps, says over them the following prayers:*

Mercifully hear our prayers, O Lord, and graciously protect thine ordinance, whereby thou hast provided for the propagation of mankind, that this union made by thy authority may be preserved by thy help. Through.

O God, who by thy mighty power hast made all things out of nothing; who, in the beginning having set up the world, didst bestow on man, whom thou hadst created in thine own likeness, the inseparable help of woman, fashioning her body from his very flesh, and thereby teaching us that it is never lawful to put asunder what it has pleased thee to make of one substance; who hast consecrated wedlock by a surpassing mys-

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tery, since in the marriage-bond thou didst foreshow the union of Christ with the Church; by whom woman is joined to man, and that alliance which thou didst ordain from the beginning is endowed with a blessing, which alone was not taken away, either in punishment of original sin or by the sentence of the flood; look down in mercy upon this thy handmaid who, being about to enter upon wedded life, seeks to be strengthened by thy protection; may the yoke she has to bear be one of love and peace; true and chaste may she marry in Christ, and be a follower of holy women; may she be pleasing to her husband like Rachel; prudent like Rebecca; long-lived and faithful like Sara; may the author of sin have no share in any of her actions; may she remain attached to the Faith and Commandments; may she fortify her weakness by strong discipline; may she be respected for her seriousness and venerated for her modesty; may she be well versed in heavenly lore; may she be fruitful in offspring. May her life be pure and blameless; and may she attain to the rest of the blessed in the kingdom of heaven. May they both arriving at a happy old age see their children's children even to the third and fourth generation. Through.

The Post Communion

We beseech thee, almighty God, in thy great goodness, to show favour to that order of things which thou thyself hast established, and to keep in abiding peace those whom thou hast joined together in lawful bond. Through.

Before blessing the people, the priest again turns to the bridegroom and bride, and blesses them in particular, saying:

May the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the

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God of Jacob, be with you, and may he fulfil his blessing in you: that you may see your children's children even to the third and fourth generation, and may afterwards have life everlasting, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. Amen.

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